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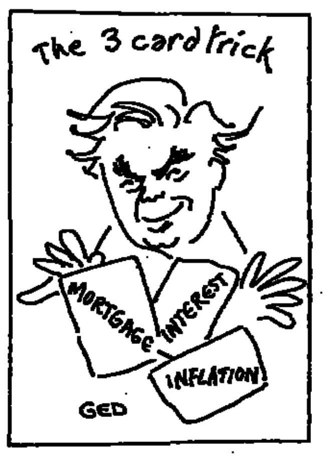

above DM3.00 at one point, suggesting that the exchange-rate mechanism poses no constraint on lower interest rates.

The cheering economic news was a boost for the prime minister after a week that had seen an uneasy launch of the Conservative local elections campaign, embarrassing attacks on his response to the plight of the Kurds, and gleeful Labour exploitation of the uncertainty over a replacement for the poll tax. Mr Major, campaigning in Birmingham, seized on the figures as a sign that the economy was bottoming out, saying: "I am now confident that we have inflation by the throat and it will continue to fall."

Later, in a speech in the city, he said that the tough action taken on the economy last year had set the economy on [illegible] position is strengthening month by month, while other countries face rising inflation and higher interest rates."

The Conservatives will hope that lower mortgage rates will help their chances in the local elections next month, and the possibility of a June election could yet be revived. Most ministers, however, believe that it will be in October at the earliest.

Margaret Beckett, Labour's Treasury spokeswoman, said lower interest rates were welcome, but added: "There is still a long way to go before the level of interest rates is not threatening to business and home owners. The fall in inflation has been achieved at the expense of crucifying the economy."

John Banham, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, also welcomed the base rate cut and looked forward to further reductions. "Competitive interest rates are needed both to boost business confidence and to encourage the capital investment needed to expand manufacturing capacity and close the trade gap," he said.

The Abbey National led the way on mortgages, announcing an immediate one-point reduction in its base rate to 12.85 per cent. Existing borrowers will be brought into line early next month. This means that the monthly repayments on a £60,000 endowment loan will fall by up to £42. Since October, when the rate was 15.4 per cent, the payments on such a loan have gone down by £113.15.

The Nationwide followed, reducing its rate for existing borrowers to 12.95 per cent, in line with that for new borrowers, from May 17. The society also plans to cut the rate for those on its annual review scheme. Most of these are making payments based on a rate of 14.5 per cent and without the change would have continued to pay at that rate until next February. The Halifax, the biggest lender, said it would fix a new rate of 13 per cent or less next week.

The stock market had long anticipated the rate cut and showed little change. Market pressure is likely to build for another cut before the local elections, but the Bank of England moved quickly to stifle hopes of an early reduction, signalling through its

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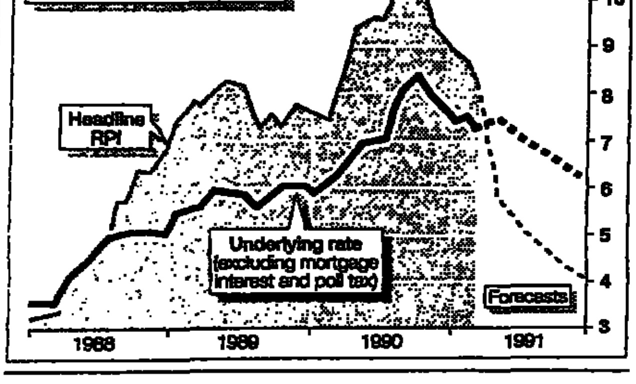

Moscow enjoys spree

From Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

NO ONE dares say so out loud lest the charm be broken, but Moscow's shops are filling up — and not with people protesting against price rises, but with real food and drink. There in Yeliseyev's, the renowned Foodstore No 1, slabs of red beef compete for space with liver and prepared beef stroganoff. The packaging could do with a facelift and the hygiene would have the place closed down overnight in the West, but who would begrudge the cockroaches a share after so long? Some people believe that the appearance of goods was deliberately timed to coincide with despair at empty shelves after last week's price rises.

The sausage counter offers sausage and cooked meats; there are chocolates, cigarettes and soft drinks at a stall. Yeliseyev's is back to something like its Brezhnevite plenty.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN SERIALS DIVISION

MARC ASPLAND

Royal welcome: newly-commissioned officer cadets at the Royal Military Academy break with tradition to hail the Queen with three cheers

Cruel tragedy running its course in the beauty of the mountains

*The plight of the Kurds who fled into Turkey from Iraq's Republican Guard has been chillingly described. Now, for the first time, **Edward Gorman** reports on the misery of the hundreds of thousands who have crossed the Zagros Mountains into Iran and **Michael Binyon** describes how the Turks are working against the clock to save lives in the camps*
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Piranshar, Iran

On the roof of the world, where in another age, people might have come to marvel at the beauty of this planet, a cruel tragedy is taking its irreversible course. Wild-eyed with hunger and fear, hundreds of thousands of Kurds are swarming the Iran-Iraq border at this crossing point.

To confront events of such theatre and magnitude is rare and although the evidence is all around, it is almost impossible to grasp the scale. At this crossing point at the top of the Hamilton pass, built by the British during the second world war, thousands of people — some say even close to a million — are swarming the mountain sides. On the Iraqi side, they are still struggling to complete a journey of perhaps five days or more on foot or in heavily laden vehicles, battling exhaustion, cold and hunger.

Down from the summit pass, safe from President Saddam Hussein's gunships, they are sitting along the sides of the roads or on the pavements of this small, frontier town in Iran, open to the elements, and simply waiting for help from the West which they feel has deserted them. There is a sheer desperation among them as they grasp at anything that might mean shelter, food or warmth.

At one point on the rough dirt track leading down from the pass, two Iranian airforce helicopters flew in low against a stunning backdrop of the distant mountains. No one knew what was inside them, food, perhaps, or more refugees being ferried from the summit where the cold is snatching young and old lives every night that they stay there.

But the promise of the arriving machines had an electrifying effect on the men, women and young children clogging the road. Like an image from the famines of Africa or a biblical epic, they scrambled to where the helicopters had come to rest, eager to be the first to reach them.

The experience of Tahsin Mosin, a 28-year-old former soldier who deserted during the Iran-Iraq war, seemed typical. He was sheltering in an empty shop in the town with his wife and two small children. With him were three other families who had just completed a five-day journey on foot from a town in Iraqi Kurdistan.

Mr Mosin, thin, bronzed and looking twice his age, said that when they began their journey they were attacked by Iraqi helicopters. On the way they slept out at night with no blankets, huddled together among rocks or next to cars jamming the roads to the border.

When they reached the frontier, the Iranians gave them bread and cheese. Mr Mosin said he thought they had been slightly better off than most, and had managed to find some blankets to keep them warm since they arrived.

He was feeding the families with bread and potatoes once a day which he was buying with money he had brought with him. But with only about 150 Iraqi dinars left, he said they would run out in about five days. His mother, in a black dress, holding a young baby, recalled the journey: "All I can remember is cold and hunger," she said.

At the local offices of the Kurdistan Democratic Party, a medical student said no outside assistance had reached refugees here.

The medical student said about 40 people, mostly babies and young children were dying every night for want of shelter and food. There had been cases of frostbite and gangrene and many refugees were spending the nights simply walking around trying to stay warm. "Just imagine yourself staying outside in a night like that," he said. "How can people survive this snow, this cold weather?"

Race to feed hungry masses

Ankara, Turkey

Another 32 refugees died at Cukurca camp yesterday, including 23 children and five women, as aid workers and Turkish officials worked against the clock to bring shelter, food and sanitation to more than 50,000 Iraqis huddled under plastic sheeting in freezing mud and snow.

The latest deaths brought to 86 the number who have perished from exposure, pneumonia and disease in the past three days. They include 59 children, some only weeks old. The bodies, wrapped in blankets and towels, were laid out in a makeshift mortuary set up in a mosque in the village. Sick, wounded and coughing elderly people overwhelmed a tiny clinic, and frantic mothers tried to get treatment for babies suffering from hypothermia and diarrhoea.

The Turkish authorities have increased efforts to relieve the misery at Cukurca, more than 7,000ft up on the Iraqi border. A dirt track has been built to the camp so that tractors can haul supplies more easily and 50 showers and 200 toilets have been installed. Piped water was due to be laid on yesterday. Officials were also installing power supplies, loudspeakers and telephone cabins with a satellite connection to the outside world. An administrative centre and press tents have been set up for the throng of journalists trying to record the Kurds' anguish.

But despite an increasing national effort and widespread sympathy from Turks watching broadcasts of the atrocious conditions, bureaucracy and corruption have embittered the refugees. Some accused the Turkish army of keeping them deliberately imprisoned in camps where there is no access to

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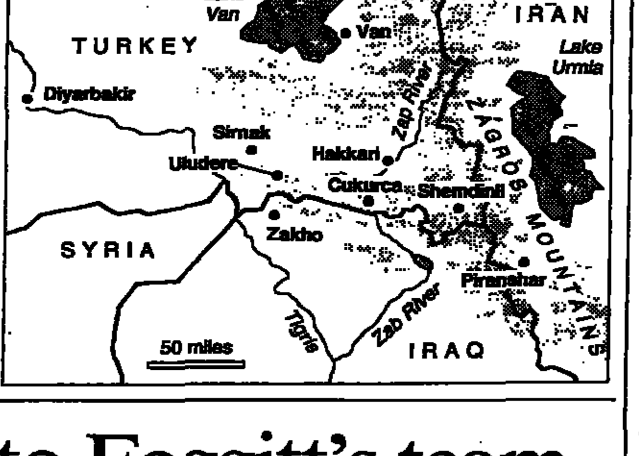

Sandhurst celebrates 250 years

By Joe Joseph

THE Royal Military Academy, the proving ground for great generals such as Montgomery and Kitchener, celebrated its 250th anniversary yesterday under bright sunshine and a shower of praise from the Queen.

She was taking the Sovereign's Parade at Sandhurst for only the third time in as many decades. A representative usually stands in. After presenting the academy with new colours to mark the occasion, the Queen praised the performance of the British forces in the Gulf war, telling the newly-commissioned officer cadets: "Earlier this year we watched with pride and admiration the achievements of our armed forces in the Middle East."

In an unusual departure from tradition, the students and cadets raised their caps and hailed her with three cheers. More than 800 student officers and cadets were on parade, 320 gaining commissions into the British army after a rigorous training programme. Twenty-one overseas students also passed out.

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Early summer no surprise to Foggitt's team

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

A PREMATURE taste of summer came to south-east England yesterday as temperatures soared towards 70F. Blue skies and sunshine accompanied brighter economic news, perhaps convincing the thousands who headed for parks and open spaces that the winter despondency is finally lifting.

The lunchtime temperature in London was 66F, higher than that in Athens, Barcelona, Majorca, Rome, Gibraltar and Nice. Other parts of Britain were, however, less fortunate, with cool, cloudy weather and some rain in most parts.

Central and south-east England is likely to enjoy more sunshine today after a misty start with fog patches. Wales, western and northern parts of England and southern Scotland will start cloudy and misty with rain in places, but will turn drier later.

While Meteorological Office computers confine themselves to five-day public forecasts, Bill Foggitt, the amateur weatherman, and his menagerie of spinning spiders and spawn-laying frogs remains less cautious.

After reviewing local flora and fauna, and family records going back three generations, Mr Foggitt yesterday pronounced his long-term forecast from the tap room of the Three Tuns Hotel, at Thirsk, north Yorkshire. Jolly fine reading it makes, too, for the tourist boards of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, who have hired the forecaster for a "Britain's Great" campaign.

The heavy snow of February has taken much moisture out of the air, and a steamy spring and summer, peppered by occasional thunderstorms, appear to be on the cards.

Naturally, the early arrival of swallows and martins will be crucial to the success of Mr Foggitt's forecast, as will August 24 be for the autumn. "If St Bartholomew's Day is dry and clear, there'll be a good autumn in that year," the folklore expert explained.

Mr Foggitt, aged 78, spurning multi-million pound weather satellites, can forecast high winds thanks to a black cat that heralds them by dashing madly round the kitchen.

Soporific flies — "Lazy fly, rain is nigh" — are employed to predict wet spells during warm, sultry weather, as is a trusted mouse who arrives in the kitchen with news of cold snaps. A team of garden spiders is essential; they obligingly spin long web strands before spells of dry, calm weather. Mr Foggitt says his best short-term forecaster, be it spring, summer or autumn, is the kestrel. The birds, when hovering, are seeking prey before the weather deteriorates into blustery, colder, showery conditions, he said.

Wispy high clouds foretell windy times according to the saying: "Trace in the sky the painter's brush and winds around you soon will rush".

How animals and plants, such as the Scarlet Pimpernel (the poor man's weatherglass), sense future weather remains a mystery. "There needs to be some serious scientific research," said Mr Foggitt, whose great-grandfather began his family's weather-watching. Perhaps a little funding could come from the budgets earmarked for researching global warming.

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Kinnock vows to halt the loss of British inventions

By Philip Webster, chief political correspondent

NEIL Kinnock yesterday accused the government of turning its back on science as he outlined Labour's programme for promoting innovation and stemming the loss of British inventions.

The Labour leader set out proposals intended to end the neglect of home talent that resulted in British inventions being developed overseas and sold back as manufactured goods.

As Labour leaders prepared to unveil their election "manifesto", which will be dominated by a proposed new partnership between industry and government, Mr Kinnock pledged Labour to invest in technologies of the future; to introduce a tax credit to promote scientific research; and to set up technology trusts to help firms make their operations commercially viable.

The new policy document, to be debated by Labour's national executive committee on Monday and published later next week, is also expected to contain proposals for the "greening" of industry. It is understood to propose a three-point plan for encouraging companies to clean up their activities, but without cutting growth or living standards, in return for support from a Labour government.

Proposals include research into environment-friendly technologies, consultation with industry over improving energy use and conservation, and a national exhibition at which companies could display "greening" techniques.

Mr Kinnock told a European industrial policy conference in Birmingham that there was "a lack of any dependable and encouraging framework for translating ideas into wealth-generating production". British inventions did not contribute much to increases in British wealth, but were "too frequently taken by overseas firms, manufactured abroad and sold back to us as finished or part-finished goods."

The government had neglected inventiveness by cutting support in industrial training and education. "Our country still has the capability to invent things, but it is losing the capacity to make things," Mr Kinnock said. "In consequence, our ability to sell to the world is being reduced."

The refusal to use the government's enabling power had resulted in neglect of British talent and loss of British inventions and inventors. "Clearly, to prevent the new evil of under-performance, we have to use new remedies," he said. "The new ideas are not in short supply. They have to be encouraged by new policies, brought to fruition through new investment and taken to market in new ways."

In a sideswipe at recent remarks by the prime minister, Mr Kinnock said it was common sense for everyone to do all they could to encourage children to achieve the highest qualifications of which they are capable.

Mr Kinnock said Labour was proposing a move towards a "learning society", the only sure foundation of a creative economy. Labour's technology trusts would bring together universities, industrialists and financial institutions. They would try to commercialise ideas developed in universities and by other public bodies, giving inventions a real chance of being manufactured in Britain.

For too long, government policies had not taken enough account of the fact that technological development and competition waited for no nation. In recent years, that failure had been increased by a government that felt that the market unaided could look after innovation.

Poverty 'is key cause of crime'

By Quentin Cowdry
Home affairs correspondent

LABOUR unveiled its crime prevention strategy yesterday by citing poverty and poor "life chances", particularly for the young, as key causes of crime in Britain.

A Labour government would create a statutory council, at government level, to devise crime prevention strategies, but would expect town halls to provide the lead in drawing up local plans. Whitehall departments would be obliged to consider crime prevention in determining policy.

Much attention would focus on support for families, especially those on low incomes, and providing better educational, leisure and training for the young.

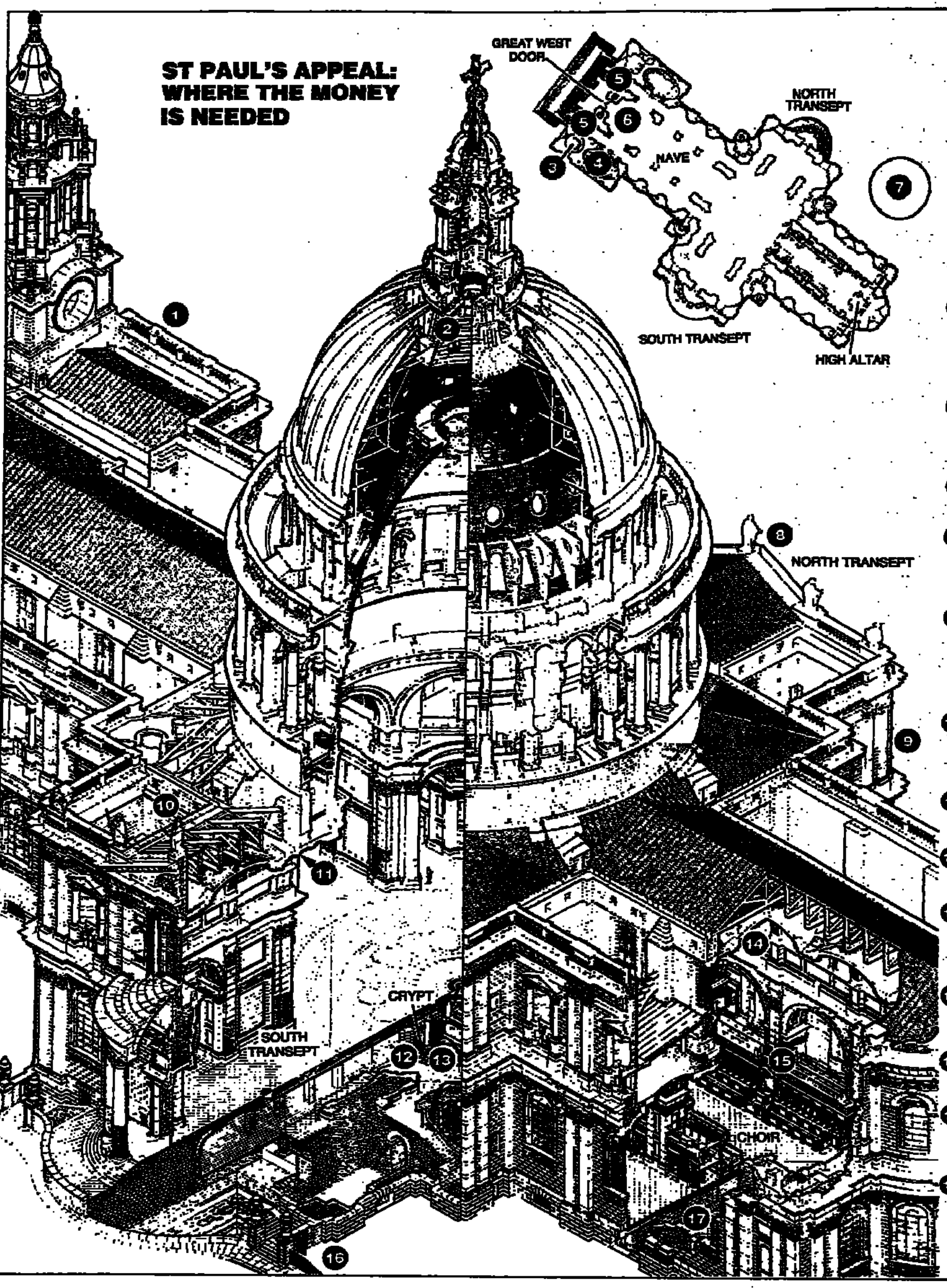
While short on concrete proposals, Labour's blueprint emphasises the importance of social and economic factors in causing crime. It also suggests that police should increase preventive tactics such as community policing.

Roy Hattersley, shadow home secretary, said the government's approach had failed because it had relied on "glitz and glamour" rather than tackling the roots of offending. He dismissed Crime Prevention Week, which starts on Monday, as a £4.5 million public relations drive seeking to blame crime on "those who have been burgled".

The Labour party has declined to cost its plans but says that much of the expense will be offset in the long term by savings to the criminal justice system.

A strategy document published yesterday, entitled *Tackling the Causes of Crime*, says: "Sustained reductions in crime may not be forthcoming unless much more attention is paid to the links between crime … and social conditions and restricted opportunities".

The charity Crime Concern said it applauded the document's "main thrust, which is towards developing social approaches to tackling crime".



ST PAUL'S APPEAL: WHERE THE MONEY IS NEEDED

1. Trophy room, north side. Used as storage space, but needed to display archives. £110,000.
2. Dome pocket windows, with original Wren ironwork, are flaking. £100,000.
3. Wren's delicate geometrical stair in the south west tower, closed to all but a few visitors, needs structural repairs. £85,000.
4. Library on south side has not been reteaded since the war and leaks. £200,000.
5. Revolving doors need replacing, plus new door mats to preserve church floor. Doors are unattractive, and can be dangerous to children. £150,000.
6. Cathedral shop needs resiting in the crypt for aesthetic reasons and to prevent further damage to marble floor. £115,000.
7. St Paul's Cross needs cleaning. £7,500.
8. One of the three pediment statues on the north transept is in fragments and the others need renewal or replacement. £50,000.
9. Furnishings in the Middlesex Chapel, used daily for services, were never completed. The chapel needs a creative rethink, with new altar, sanctuary furnishings and lighting. £50,000.
10. Repairs to masonry and stonework, particularly the south transept where wartime shrapnel damage is still visible. £2,000,000.
11. Engraved brass grilles on cathedral floor are worn and need replacing. £885.
12. Repairs needed to Wren's wooden model. Missing parts need replacing. £150,000.
13. The floor of the crypt, where Sir Joshua Reynolds and Nelson lie buried, made from weak clay tiles and is wearing away. £50,000.
14. New theatre-style lighting could dramatically enhance the internal appearance of the cathedral. £250,000.
15. Grinling Gibbons carvings on the choir stalls need conservation work. £25,000.
16. Railings in south Churchyard, removed about 20 years ago, to be replaced. £30,000.
17. Organ in St Faith's Chapel liable to overheat. Kept in use only by weekly retuning. The chapel also needs major floor repairs, new chairs, repairs to ledger stones and improved lighting. £500,000.

Tourists likely to be charged for entry

Ruth Gledhill on the cathedral's plans to raise more cash as its deficit heads for £400,000 this year

TOURISTS visiting St Paul's in London could soon have to pay for entry. The dean and chapter of St Paul's are considering the idea, although entry for prayer or worship would be free.

The cathedral's financial position makes the step almost inevitable. Ely is the only one of England's 42 Anglican cathedrals to charge for entry, although it is difficult to gain entrance to others without making a voluntary donation.

The step, fraught with potential public relations difficulties, would not be taken without much heart-searching by the dean, the Very Rev Eric Evans, and the chapter. The cathedral this week launched an appeal for funds. A half-completed survey has highlighted the need for over £4 million of urgent repairs. The cathedral deficit, £54,000 two years ago, could top £400,000 this year.

The dean said last night that entrance charges would not be unprecedented: between 1737 and 1851, visitors were charged 2d a head, except for at times of "divine service". The dean said: "This is something we have to consider. If there were to be a charge, we would make it only between 10am and 4pm and we would always keep one entrance open for people to go in and say their prayers."

Like most cathedrals, St Paul's has strategically sited collection boxes but most of the annual two million visitors ignore them. Tourists visiting Ely cathedral pay £2.40. Visitors to Salisbury are urged on entry to make a donation. Most pay up.

Cathedral management was discussed at the deans and provosts conference which met in Exeter this week. The Very Rev Raymond Furnell, provost of St Edmundsbury and conference secretary, said: "Not many cathedrals have to consider the option of charging. Many cathedrals, in their ministry of welcome, encourage a donation from visitors. There is always a very fine balance when dealing with holy places." St Paul's is unusual in that it receives far more visitors than most cathedrals and they arrive en masse. An individual welcome for each visitor would be difficult if not impossible.

Brigadier Robert Acworth, cathedral registrar, said: "We are not about to collapse but there is a lot of very expensive work to do." Martin Stancliffe, fabric surveyor and architect to Lichfield, Southwell and Oxford cathedrals, is due to complete his survey by autumn.

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Lamont aims for 20p rate

By Philip Webster, chief political correspondent

NORMAN Lamont last night reaffirmed his commitment to cut income tax to 20p in the pound and to extend the privatisation programme beyond the expected sale of British Rail and the coal industry during the next parliament.

The defeat of inflation and the need to reduce the size of the public sector remained at the top of the agenda, the Chancellor said in a speech to the Adam Smith Institute. "It is only by keeping spending under control that we will be able to deliver the income tax cuts to which we are committed. A 20 pence basic rate remains our firm objective for the medium term."

On privatisation he said: "We will constantly reassess the activities which currently form part of the public sector to decide whether ownership should remain in the hands of the state."

In the first detailed statement of his political philosophy since he became Chancellor, Mr Lamont said that the origins of the social market economy lay on the right rather than the left or centre. The social market economy was above all a market economy. "It is a thriving and a dynamic market economy that is likely to create the resources for social purposes — whether it be the relief of poverty or decent public services."

The chancellor said that markets were about people getting together to trade goods and services to their mutual advantage; they were inherently social. In a social market abuses, such as insider trading, were prevented and anti-social behaviour ruled out.

For those services that remained in the public sector the challenge for the 1990s was finding ways of making them work better. "Many of us have come to believe that although the state has a role to play in these areas, it does not have to be the only producer.

"Experience teaches us that the state is at its best when it is setting standards (eg in literacy or in public health) or regulating behaviour (eg in preventing the abuse of monopoly power). It is often at its worst when supplying goods and services to its own citizens."

Labour is accused over tax bill delays

By Douglas Broom, local government correspondent

LABOUR councils were accused last night of deliberately delaying the issue of new poll tax bills to prevent electors seeing the benefits of the government's £140 reduction before the May 2 council elections.

The charge was made by Colin Warbrick, Conservative leader of Trafford council, Greater Manchester, one of three local authorities which have managed to reissue bills within a month of the March 19 Budget announcement.

The difficulties of rewriting computer software to take account of the reduction and changes to transitional relief for those in properties of low rateable value had been grossly overstated, he said.

"I have no doubt that Labour councils are holding back the new bills until the week after the May elections. If we can get our new bills out there is no reason why others should take so long," he said. "Treasurers are capable of doing the job quite quickly, but although they are professionals they have to work under political control."

He also dismissed estimates that the rebilling could cost up to £20 million nationally. Trafford had reissued 155,000 demands and reprinted its explanatory leaflet for £38,000. The council had been able to respond swiftly because, unlike many smaller authorities, it had written its own software.

Labour-controlled Watford is thought to have been the first to reissue bills, posting them to 56,000 payers on April 2 after rewriting its software.

The other council which has reissued bills is Liberal Democrat Hereford, which sent out its 40,000 demands on Monday. Paul Gosling, city treasurer, said council computer staff worked over Easter to rewrite software and last weekend the assembly room had been requisitioned for casual staff to put bills into envelopes.

At least 32 other councils should be able to issue bills by the end of the month after the announcement yesterday that McDonnell Douglas Information Systems, a leading poll tax software supplier, had sent councils new programs.

Bull and ICl, the two other firms providing the bulk of contracted out software to councils, are expected to issue their new programs next week.

The speed with which the councils and the poll tax software firms have move confounds many in local government who said it could take two months to recalculate bills.

House-smash driver jailed

A DIGGER driver who wrecked a woman's house after she refused to heat his lunch was jailed for three-and-a-half years yesterday.

Alec Bell, aged 42, of Gloucester, used his mechanical excavator to cause £45,000 of damage. The house owners, Chris and Rose Hitchings, could not live there for more than four months. Mrs Hitchings, aged 44, narrowly escaped injury as Bell spent ten minutes ramming the digger into the housefront, Gloucester crown court was told.

He admitted criminal damage, being reckless as to whether life was endangered and refusing to provide a breath specimen.

Workmen were laying a gas main outside the house in Hucclecote, Gloucester, and Bell had been hired to drive the digger. He asked Mrs Hitchings to make the men a cup of coffee and she agreed, but she refused politely when Bell asked her to warm his sandwich box of congealed chops and bacon.

The foreman apologised for Bell's request and called the site manager, who ordered Bell off the site. Chris Tucker, for the prosecution, said: "When Bell heard that he said, 'She will be sorry'. He got into his JCB. Mrs Hitchings was in the garden when she heard a loud crash. She came to the front door and found her lawn piled up against it."

She retreated to the kitchen and saw the yellow bucket of the digger ram the housefront. She told police: "I had only left the front door a few seconds before."

Bell told police he lost his temper because he thought he had got the sack. "At first, I was going to ram the kerb. Then I was going to knock the wall down, but she did not have one."

Paul Grumbar, for Bell, said he had been clinically depressed.

HOUSE OF FRASER

Judgement was today given in the High Court against Lonrho's claim to recover shares in the House of Fraser from the Fayeds.

The Judge gave Lonrho leave to appeal and Lonrho will do so.

In the course of his judgement, Mr. Justice Millett referred to the fact that the case had been brought five years after the relevant events. Lonrho was not in a position to bring the action until after publication of the Inspectors' Report into House of Fraser in March 1990 where the Fayeds were most severely criticised in one of the most devastating reports ever published.

Prior to the publication of the Government Inspectors' Report into the House of Fraser, Lonrho had made multiple representations to the Government and the Public about the integrity of the Fayeds. The Inspectors' Report into the House of Fraser confirmed Lonhro's representations as having been accurate and correct.

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Tories wrest council control

By Ronald Faux

THE Conservatives have won a crucial by-election, giving them control of West Lancashire district council. The poll was caused by the resignation of the council's vice-chairman, who was jailed for three months for ballot rigging at the local elections last May.

Malcolm Gibbons, aged 44, had admitted at Preston crown court three counts of forging the ballot papers of three elderly people, two of them blind. The subterfuge proved unnecessary in the event as the Conservatives won Lathom by more than 100 votes. Mr Gibbons's departure from the council after representing the ward for 12 years left control of West Lancashire narrowly balanced. Had the Tories lost, two Liberal Democrat councillors would have held the balance of power.

Yesterday Conservatives celebrated the victory of Mary Melling, chairman of the Lathom and Burscough parish council, by 39 votes over Mary Rees, another stalwart local politician representing Labour. Anne Jones, for the Liberal Democrats, came a distant third.

Michael Harris, Conservative agent for West Lancashire, said last night: "This is a seat Labour desperately wanted to win but the voters have chosen to keep a Conservative council." Labour party workers were disappointed that the Conservatives had emerged from an embarrassing shadow to win.

Result: M Melling (C) 735; M Rees (Lab) 696; A Jones (Lib Dem) 112.

Bruges group secretary offers to quit

Patrick Robertson, the Bruges group secretary, who co-wrote the paper accusing John Major of wobbling and looking wimpish in his handling of the *Kurdish refugee problem*, offered to resign last night after being criticised by the group's parliamentary supporters.

The group's chairman, Lord Harris of High Cross, told him that he would hold the resignation offer pending discussion at an early meeting of its academic advisory council. Later, Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, called on Conservatives to turn their fire on Labour and Liberal Democrat policies rather than "other Conservatives".

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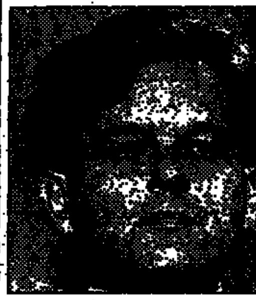
Bowbelle jury

The jury in the trial of the master of the Bowbelle retired to an hotel last night and will continue deliberations at the Old Bailey today. Captain Douglas Henderson, aged 33, of Newcastle upon Tyne, denies failing to ensure that a proper lookout was kept on the night of August 20, 1989, when the dredger collided with the Thames pleasure boat Marchioness with the loss of 51 lives.

Survey saved



The threat to the next British Crime Survey, the most authoritative indicator of crime patterns, has been lifted after a Home Office decision to cut back other projects. Officials feared they might have to cancel the 1992 survey after the Treasury vetoed a proposal for the survey to be conducted every three years. John Patten, home office minister of state (above), said he hoped the "invaluable" survey would be repeated at regular intervals. The last one cost £300,000.

News silenced

News programmes on Century Radio, the Irish Republic's only nationwide independent broadcasting network, were blacked out last night after three senior journalists and the head of news were sacked in a cost-cutting move. Members of the National Union of Journalists met to consider ways of saving the jobs.

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admaster jailed 12 years over abuse outrage

By David Young

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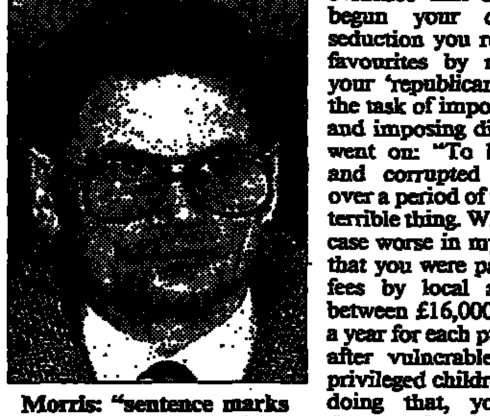
ll said: "It the public outrage at these offences of child abuse by a man who was in a trusted position and receiving substantial financial reward for the care of vulnerable and deviant children by a long prison sentence. Justice and the protection of the young demands nothing less."

He said that he gave Morris credit for having been of good character up to 1984. He accepted that Castle Hill school had at first been well run but said that Morris had become more and more domineering.


Morris: "sentence marks outrage of public"

The judge said he was satisfied that when boys arrived at the school they confided to Morris their innermost secrets, enabling the headmaster to identify those who might respond to his approaches. This was a gross breach of the trust placed in him to care for children with special problems.

"I am equally clear on the evidence that once you had begun your campaign of seduction you rewarded your favourites by making them your 'republican guard' with the task of imposing your will and imposing discipline." He went on: "To have seduced and corrupted eight pupils over a period of four years is a terrible thing. What makes the case worse in my judgment is that you were paid enormous fees by local authorities — between £16,000 and £19,000 a year for each pupil — to look after vulnerable and underprivileged children. Instead of doing that, you corrupted them and enjoyed half the gross proceeds of over £300,000 a year, which went to you or your partner.

"It is difficult to think of a more serious crime than the violation of young boys in this way. I have no medical evidence as to whether they will suffer permanent damage but it is clear having listened to 24 of them that at least some were corrupted by your action and will have difficulty in leading a normal life."

The judge did not pursue a suggestion made on Thursday that he might call for a government enquiry into the case, but said: "It would be a tragedy of the highest order if lessons are not learnt from this case. I have to remember that I have not been conducting an enquiry. But the reason I raised these points is that it would be a grave scandal if we did not learn, to make sure that this situation never comes about again."

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Furthermore, tighter vetting of staff will bring private schools into line with the state sector. Ministers will have power to close schools if proper checks are not made with the education department and police.

A department official said that Mr Justice Fennell's comments at Morris's trial would be studied to see whether any further action was needed.

Concern at physical and sexual abuse of private boarding school pupils has been raised in the past two years after a number of allegations and court cases.

JULIAN HERBERT

Top dog: an eight-month-old tosatoken, a heavyweight Japanese dog described as the canine equivalent of the samurai warrior, becomes properly acquainted with Gary Wilson, its owner, yesterday after being released from quarantine. Mr Wilson, of Forest Hill, southeast London, is planning to import a bitch and begin breeding them in Britain to sell at up to £2,000 each (Bill Frost writes).

Next week, Labour MPs will ask the Home Office and the agriculture ministry to introduce legislation preventing the arrival of more of the dogs. The RSPCA said that it supported the move. Inspector Tim Wass said: "They are as efficiently aggressive as a samurai." The tosa, a cross between a St Bernard, Great Dane, bulldog, bull mastiff and Spanish pointer, can stand 6ft feet tall on its hind legs and weigh 19 stone. They are popular at illegal dog fights in Japan, being decked out in silk ribbons denoting the number of previous "kills". Such contests are fought to the death.

Race hatred case filed against Cheltenham Tory

By Peter Victor

BILL Galbraith, the Cheltenham businessman said to have described John Taylor, a Conservative parliamentary candidate, as a "bloody nigger", is to face prosecution for alleged incitement to racial hatred.

Police said yesterday that Mr Galbraith, aged 54, had been served with summonses after approval from Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney-general, for a prosecution under the Public Order Act 1986. He will appear before Cheltenham magistrates on May 15.

Mr Galbraith allegedly made the remarks last December after a meeting of Cheltenham Conservative Association, where he called for a rerun of Mr Taylor's selection. After widespread media reporting of his alleged statements Mr Galbraith was expelled from the association.

An attempt by a rebel group of association members to have Mr Taylor's selection referred back to their executive committee failed. A meeting of the association's membership overwhelmingly backed Mr Taylor, confirming him as the town's parliamentary candidate.

Mr Galbraith refused to comment last night. "Everything is in the hands of my solicitor and I prefer not to say anything." Tim Robinson, his solicitor, said Mr Galbraith would be denying the charge. "He will be pleading not guilty and will be fighting this all the way. It is a great shame that the Attorney-general has seen fit to carry on this action after all this time. It looks like they are using a sledgehammer to crack a nut."

Mr Taylor said that he did not want to comment on the matter because it was sub judice.

Monica Drinkwater, Cheltenham Conservative association chairman, said she regretted that the prosecution of Mr Galbraith would reopen the issue in the town.

"I regret that Mr Galbraith made the statements in the first place and of course now it will rekindle the whole unfortunate issue once more, projecting a very wrong image of Cheltenham and causing more distress for John Taylor."

MPs back moderate in union election

By Tim Jones
Employment Correspondent

SEVENTEEN MPs, two members of the House of Lords and an MEP have given their support to a moderate candidate in the campaign for the leadership of Britain's fifth biggest union.

They are supporting Roger Lyons, a mainstream Labour party member, because they want to "deliver" the Communist-led Manufacturing, Science and Finance union from "hard left" control, which, they say, is alienating its 650,000 members.

Mr Lyons is in a race for the leadership with Barbara Switzer, the union assistant general secretary, director of the *Morning Star* newspaper, and a member of the Labour party national executive committee.

The union-sponsored MPs, led by Derek Fatchett, a party education spokesman, and supported by Jo Richardson, spokesman on women, say Mr Lyons would be better able to ensure that the union becomes a "serious voice for radical left policies both in the TUC and the Labour party".

Ballot papers should reach union members today. The result, to be announced next month, will be studied closely by Neil Kinnock and his senior party colleagues.

Mr Fatchett says that the union, now led by Ken Gill, a prominent Communist, is "sitting sulking in some sort of pure ideological tent".

Ms Switzer says she has received strong support: "Unlike my opponent, I have worked in industry for 20 years, representing members at the workplace I have one message for him: 'It is time for a change'."

☐ As engineering workers from all over Britain gathered yesterday in a theatre in the West End of London to celebrate the success of the 35-hour-week campaign, their elation was condemned by Peter Brighton, director general of the Engineering Employers' Federation, who claimed the campaign had damaged company performance and prospects and threatened jobs.

Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, replied that the campaign was "the moment that the trade union movement took off its cloth cap and put on its thinking cap. In companies where we have secured these agreements, productivity has shot up."

Jury clears Stuart Hall of stealing from shop

By Alice Thomson

THE television presenter Stuart Hall was cleared yesterday of stealing sausages and coffee worth £3.94 from a supermarket after a jury decided that he had been under stress and had not deliberately intended to shoplift.

After the trial at Knutsford crown court, Mr Hall, aged 61, said: "The worst thing was being incarcerated, and there will be other people who are suffering the same injustice."

The Portia Trust, which was set up 20 years ago to help those facing shoplifting charges, was saved from closure this week only by a last-minute donation. A quarter of a million people are arrested each year for shoplifting, and at least one person a week commits suicide because he or she cannot bear the shame of being accused.

Ken Norman, the organiser, said yesterday: "We have had nearly 1,000 calls in three weeks from respectable people like Stuart Hall whose careers and reputations are on the line." The company needed £20,000 in donations to be free of financial worry.

Hall: his case highlights plight of support group

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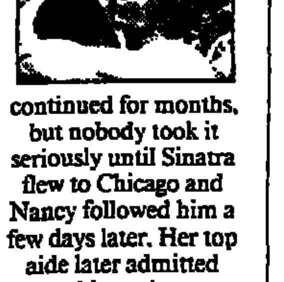
Sinatra and the first lady

"Nancy clapped like an enchanted ingénue. Her infatuation with Frank Sinatra was obvious. Even Reagan's staff noticed how she took every opportunity to be in his presence and how she flushed with excitement whenever Sinatra entered the room. The flirtation



continued for months, but nobody took it seriously until Sinatra flew to Chicago and Nancy followed him a few days later. Her top aide later admitted making private arrangements for her, ostensibly to visit her parents when she was actually with Sinatra in his suite at the Ambassador East."

Kitty Kelley, from her unauthorised biography of Nancy Reagan, in The Sunday Times tomorrow

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Dance tours firm back in business

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

THE Entertainment Corporation, which brought the Bolshoi and Kirov ballet companies to the West, is back in business having pulled back from the brink of liquidation.

Victoria Charlton, co-director of the company, said yesterday: "We believe the best way of paying our creditors is to trade our way out of difficulties rather than go into liquidation from which they might not get anything."

An aborted winter tour of the Red Army Ensemble was the chief cause of the corporation's financial difficulties in Britain. Miss Charlton said that it left the company with debts of more than £600,000, and the cumulative amount owed nearing £1 million.

The corporation has swapped names with a sister company, Kinross Enterprises Limited, which now bears the debts. John Harrison and Christopher Benbow, of Finnies chartered accountants, have been appointed administrative receivers of Kinross. They are expected to meet Miss Charlton and Peter Brightman, who founded the company with her, next week to discuss the extent of the debt and how to deal with it. A creditors' meeting is expected to take place soon afterwards.

British tours by the Moscow State Circus in June and the Bolshoi Opera next year will go ahead. Under the reorganisation of the company's affairs, however, the tours will trade as separate project companies, becoming Entertainment Corporation Bolshoi and Entertainment Corporation Circus, with each company chanelling profits back to Kinross Enterprises.

Miss Charlton said: "The problem was that the insurers, Lloyd's, have been slow to pay out on the Red Army losses and some creditors have become understandably impatient. They will all be paid, but from now on we will only work with companies we know, such as the Bolshoi and the Kirov. The lesson is that there are too many companies from the Soviet Union touring under similar names and the market can't take any more."

United halves Atlantic fare

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

THE long-expected battle for the expense-account air passenger broke out yesterday as United Airlines halved first-class and business-class fares, and threw in a free ticket for a partner to travel.

United, which began flying from Heathrow in competition with British Airways last week, wants to attract the "front of the aircraft" passenger and will raise fares again after making inroads into BA's market: "We want people to try our service and believe that once they have been tempted away from our rivals they will remain with us."

First-class and business class passengers are crucial as airlines struggle to recover from the air traffic collapse caused by the recession and the Gulf war. Returning passengers have so far been largely in economy class and on heavily discounted tickets.

This means that revenues seem set to remain at levels incapable of producing profits for at least six months. Only by raising the overall yield of each aircraft can they return quickly to profitability.

The United offer, which runs to May 31, produces the lowest Atlantic fares for years. For example, first-class to New York now stands at £1,935 single, and business-class £1,190. From next week, United offers two return first-class tickets at £1,548 and two business-class returns at £1,060.

BA said last night that it would not match the fares.

☐ Most airline passengers have not yet been tempted back, despite BA attempts to lure them with free flights and cheap offers, according to figures for March.

The 12.6 per cent decline in BA's scheduled traffic compared with a year ago was felt equally by European and intercontinental services. Passenger capacity has been reduced by 7.5 per cent, but BA is still not filling as many seats as at this time last year.

First instalment: Mr Heseltine holds up the £50,000 Littlewoods cheque outside the Playhouse Theatre

Heseltine on stage in appeal for Playhouse

By Ronald Faux

MICHAEL Heseltine launched a campaign yesterday to raise £1.5 million in five years to prevent the closure of Liverpool's Playhouse Theatre.

The environment secretary accepted on behalf of the theatre a £50,000 cheque from Littlewoods, the Liverpool-based organisation which has pledged £250,000 towards the campaign. Theatres were a vital part of cities, he said. He acknowledged that there was little spare money around during a recession, but said he wanted the private sector to follow Littlewoods and help the theatre out of crisis.

John Stalker, the theatre's administrative director, described the donation as a massive vote of confidence in the Playhouse.

Earlier, Mr Heseltine told senior city council officials that Liverpool could not take outside help for granted. The city faces the threat of disruption by council workers who plan to strike over compulsory redundancies to cut costs among the 29,000 staff.

If the council were run properly, he said, people would be attracted to give help and support. "But if they run it badly — and there have been some appalling examples of that in recent years — they will not be attracted, and the people of Liverpool will suffer."

e ghosts of Scargill's ancestors return to haunt British Coal

A late member of Arthur Scargill's family is threatening to cause as much controversy as his better-known descendant. **Peter Davenport reports**

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One of seven new coalfaces which British Coal wants to drive from the Princes of Wales colliery, near Pontefract, will pass directly beneath the ancient church. The stone effigy of Sir Warren lies alongside the altar, with that of his wife, Clara, near by. If British Coal goes ahead with its plans, then work required to protect the church from long-term subsidence damage will mean the removal of the effigies and the likely exhumation of their remains, which are believed to lie in vaults beneath the stone-flagged floor. Canon Matthews, who has appealed to the Department of the Environment to force British Coal to abandon its scheme, said yesterday: "If my appeal is ignored it looks as if British Coal will get to undermine a Scargill at last, even though it may not be the one they had in mind."

Canon Matthews who has been vicar at St Luke's and All Saints — which dates from Saxon times and figured in a recent book of the hundred best parish churches in the country — for almost seven years, says he is confident that Sir Warren is the ancestor of the NUM president. During the miners' strike, genealogists produced the family trees of both Mr Scargill and Margaret Thatcher, then prime minister, he said yesterday. They showed that Mr Scargill was descended from a noble line while Mrs Thatcher was the product of a more humble background. "I have no reason to doubt the accuracy, and although there is no record of the NUM president ever having been to the church there are the signatures of several Scargills in the visitors' book," he said.

Sir Warren, who died 664 years ago, married Clara in 1300 and took possession of several manors in Yorkshire and Lancashire, becoming Lord of Saddleworth. He fought for the Royalists at the Battle of Boroughbridge in 1322.

At least three of British Coal's proposed new faces will pass under Darrington. Work has already started on one of them. Face number HT93 is scheduled to pass 450 metres below the church in the summer of 1993. The operation is planned to last seven years and will enable miners to recover about four million tonnes of power station coal, enough to generate electricity to light every home in Yorkshire for a year, according to British Coal.

British Coal has commissioned a firm of engineers to investigate ways of protecting the church from long-term damage. They include major underpinning.

A spokesman for British Coal said yesterday: "I know of no plans to exhume any bodies and as far as we are aware there is no connection between Sir Warren de Scargill and the NUM president." Mr Scargill was unavailable for comment.

Half a million 'put at risk' after end of free eye tests

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY half a million people are walking around with undetected eye disease because of the government's decision to abolish free sight testing, opticians claimed yesterday.

Brain tumours, cataracts, glaucoma and high blood pressure may have gone unnoticed because millions of people did not want to pay for an eye examination, according to the Association of Optometrists, which represents ophthalmic opticians.

Since charges for sight testing were introduced in 1989 for 60 per cent of the population, the number of eye examinations has dropped by about 20 per cent, to 10.2 million, it said. A survey from the Economists Advisory Group showed that the quarterly average for eye tests has dropped steadily since 1988 from 3.2 million to 2.5 million.

Taking into account the rise in tests in 1988-9, just before the ban on free examinations was introduced, about 4.5 million fewer eye examinations were carried out in the past two years than would have been expected, Ian Hunter, the association's secretary general, said.

As the referral rate for eye diseases was about 10 per cent, an estimated 450,000 of these people could have serious conditions. "There is clear evidence that fewer people are having their eyes examined, because they now have to pay for the examination," Mr Hunter said. "Eye examinations can help diagnose serious illnesses such as glaucoma, diabetes, hypertension, and even brain tumours. If fewer people are examined, there are bound to be considerable numbers slipping through the diagnostic net with potentially threatening illnesses."

A Mori poll commissioned by the association showed that 57 per cent of those interviewed thought everyone should be entitled to a free eye examination. The average charge is £13.50. At present, free tests are only available to children under 16, students aged under 19, those on income support, the registered blind or partially sighted, people suffering from diabetes and those over 40 with a close relative suffering from glaucoma.

Mr Hunter said that about 5 per cent of the population was buying ready-made glasses without having a sight test. However, many people had returned to their opticians after finding these unsatisfactory.

Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, defended the charges last night. "The change in sight test rules in 1989 resulted in a surge before the changes followed by a temporary drop in demand. Our independent NOP survey confirmed that demand for sight tests remained at the expected level. Forty per cent of the population are entitled to a free sight test."

The health department said: "It is only fair that those who can afford it should pay the modest cost of the sight test, as long as those in need are protected."

ADRIAN BROOKS

Sheep shape: the sculptor Reece Ingram guiding one of his six animal sculptures into position in the grounds of the Towner Art Gallery in Eastbourne. An exhibition of his work opens at the gallery today and lasts till June 2

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By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPOND

MOST of the 5,000 deaths on British roads each year are caused by drivers who deliberately flout the law, according to a psychological study published yesterday. The findings contradict transport department research that concluded that human error is by far the main factor in road accidents.

The author of the new study, Antony Manstead, professor of psychology at Manchester university, said yesterday that it could lead to psychology playing a bigger role in road safety campaigns.

Professor Manstead's survey of 1,600 drivers in age groups ranging from under-25s to the over-56s was presented at the British Psychological Society's annual conference in Bournemouth.

The study, intended to uncover the attitudes contributing to accidents, confirmed earlier research showing young men to be potentially the most dangerous drivers. They are more likely to break speed limits, drive aggressively and closely pursue other vehicles on motorways. However, they and other motorists guilty of such behaviour fail to recognise its risks, Professor Manstead said. Older drivers tend to be more safety conscious, but it is
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MOTHERS-in-law really do suffer as the butt of comedians' jokes. When the honeymoon is over, many feel afraid to intrude into the lives of the newly-weds and become sad and lonely, a psychologist said yesterday (Thomson Prentice writes).

"The mother-in-law jokes create a negative stereotype of the interfering busybody, and these women are deeply hurt by them. Les Dawson has a lot to answer for," Estelle Phillips, an occupational psychologist, told the conference.

Dr Phillips studied 11 mothers-in-law within a year of their offspring's marriage and found that nine were depressed. "After the honeymoon, it really hit them that life was going to be very different. They realised they were no longer the next of kin of their sons, and that their daughters' names had changed." Most of all, the women, aged between 47 and 56, became anxious about being seen by the newly-weds as intruders. They felt inhibited about visiting their homes, and waited to be invited. They carefully avoided causing offence, and bottled up their emotions, Dr Phillips, of Birkbeck College, London, said. During her interviews with the w
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Medals of Philby's patron to be sold

By JOHN SHAW

THE medals of Lieutenant-Colonel Valentine Vivian, the man who recruited Kim Philby into British intelligence, are to be sold at Christie's, London, on April 30.

Vivian, who died in 1969, acted honourably, but subsequent events showed the appointment to have been one of the most catastrophic made through the intelligence world's "old boy" network.

Philby's activities as a Soviet "mole" for 30 years in British intelligence "cost the lives of numerous British agents... did incalculable harm to this country and to the security of the West in general," the catalogue says.

The decorations include the insignia to his Companionship of the Order of St Michael and St George, usually awarded to those with Foreign Office security connections, to his CBE, and to the American Legion of Merit. They are expected to fetch between £5,000 and £8,000.

Richard Bishop, head of Christie's coins and medals department said: "These decorations are being sold anonymously. The catalogue says Vivian was "effectively Philby's patron in the first years of his service, but ... when it all began to come out he was pretty embarrassed."

Vivian, the son of a Victorian portrait painter, had an impeccable career in the Indian police before becoming vice-chief of British intelligence. Shortly before the war he became head of counter-espionage. His personal support was a key factor in Philby's rise within the service, the catalogue says.

Macari is sent for trial over tax case

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India risks Punjab poll to split Sikh militants

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

THE Indian government has ordered parliamentary and state elections in Punjab in a high-risk attempt to split an array of militant organisations that control large areas of the state. The move carries serious risks, including the possibility that the winners could declare independence from India.

The election commission announced last night that the general election to India's tenth parliament would be held on May 20, 23 and 26. This will allow time for a large number of security forces to move around the country to supervise each day's poll. Punjab, however, will not vote until several weeks later, giving time for an full-scale security apparatus to be set up.

Even so, there appears to be no realistic prospect of a free poll in Punjab, much of which is run by ruthless armed gangs posing as independence fighters. Militant groups are therefore likely to take control of the state administration and capture all 13 seats.

Chandra Shekhar, the prime minister, has designed his move with an eye to forming a coalition government in the event of a hung parliament. In a closely fought contest, Punjab's small group of MPs could be decisive. For the same reason, he has also ordered elections in the north-eastern state of Assam, which is under direct rule from Delhi because of severe law and order problems.

The cabinet is understood to have been divided over the decision to allow Punjab to vote, with some ministers arguing that the gamble was too dangerous. Mr Chandra Shekhar appears to have calculated that the least extreme groups will win, and that they will use state machinery to try to crush their opponents.

For nearly 10 years Punjab has been the most violent state in the country. Armed organisations conduct a reign of terror, enriching themselves through extortion, kidnappings and bank robberies. What started as a politically motivated, secessionist campaign has become a massive criminal operation. Few Sikhs in Punjab appear to support the demand for an independent homeland, "Khalistan".

The government has decided not to call elections in Kashmir. Girish Saxena, the state governor, said yesterday that a free poll would be impossible because of the power of militant organisations. The more plausible reason, however, is that the former pro-Indian governing party in the valley, the National Conference, would be crushed without the kind of government-sponsored rigging that has characterised almost every previous election in the state.

During an interview with Delhi-based foreign correspondents yesterday, Mr Saxena hinted that he would not permit Amnesty International to visit the state to investigate alleged human rights abuses by security forces. He said investigations were continuing into allegations of mass rape in the village of Kunan Poshpura on the night of February 23. He suggested, however, that the allegations were exaggerated.

Salvador peace zone proposal

Arcatao, El Salvador — Left-wing rebels have proposed setting up demilitarised zones across El Salvador as part of efforts to end the 11-year-old civil war. The proposal is part of peace talks begun in Mexico City last week between the rebels and the right-wing government.

Jesús Rojas, a guerrilla leader, said there should be "a type of demilitarised territory, which for us should be the largest, where there are only public security forces — a civil police".

Next to the zones, the proposal called for "territories where the armed forces would be concentrated on one side and the rebel Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front on the other". *(Reuter)*

Tamil setback

Colombo — Troops advancing into jungle held by Tamil separatist guerrillas in north-west Sri Lanka have captured two rebel bases. A military spokesman said the rebels fled when about 2,000 soldiers approached, and planes destroyed two trucks carrying rebels believed to be leaving the camps. *(Reuter)*

Ershad charges

Dhaka — Hussain Muhammad Ershad, former president of Bangladesh, has been charged with spending $335,000 (£189,000) for his personal use on air force helicopters and to send his wife on trips. He already faces charges of corruption and having illegal weapons, with others being prepared. *(AP)*

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In part because of the chilly political climate, Soviet-Japanese commercial relations are at an astonishingly low level. Japan's prosperity and the increasingly desperate straits of the Soviet Union would appear, on the face of things, to set the scene for a deal.

Mr Gorbachev has made it plain that he is prepared for substantial discussion on territorial matters. But he said in a television interview broadcast in Tokyo yesterday that only a "step by step" approach would solve the dispute. His statement appeared to sink hopes that the Soviet Union would offer to return the islands during his visit.

Any concession will be hard for Mr Gorbachev to make when he is so vulnerable at home. A border concession in the east could open a Pandora's box in the western Soviet Union. Nationalists in the Baltic republics, the western Ukraine and Moldavia would rejoice over the admission that territorial arrangements arising out of the second world war are not immutable.

Even if some breakthrough on the territorial question emerges and Tokyo gives the green light to potential lenders and investors, the enthusiasm of corporate Japan for co-operation with the Soviet Union may wane. The Japanese are aware of the daunting problems posed by jurisdiction disputes between central and regional powers, rotting infrastructure and worsening finances.

First-night drama: Jonathan Pryce and Lee Salonga, left, stars of the controversial British musical, *Miss Saigon*, after the opening on Broadway attracted stormy street protests, above. After months of acrimony the show attracted critical disdain and qualified praise and racial groups determined to suppress it (Charles Bremner writes from New York).

Protesters peppered the arriving audience with chants of "sexism, racism" and "don't go in", adding to the offstage drama of the show which has ruffled more American sensibilities than any musical since *West Side Story*. The pickets are upset that the London hit depicts women as sex toys and Asian men as sleazy crooks. They are also angry that Jonathan Pryce, a Welshman, rather than an Asian-American, is playing the corrupt Eurasian pimp. That dispute caused Cameron Mackintosh, the producer, to cancel the US show for several weeks last year until Equity relented. However, a record $36 million worth of tickets have been sold, with the better seats at $100. Politics flavoured the American reviews. "It is hilarious to think the show that raised Broadway ticket prices to a new high is an anti-American, allegedly anti-materialist musical, whose second most impressive visual image is a stage-high statue of Ho Chi Minh," said Howard Kissel of the *Daily News*. But Frank Rich, the all-powerful *New York Times* critic, known as the Butcher of Broadway, described the show as "gripping entertainment of the old school".

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IRAQ

Kurds say 'red line' being breached by Baghdad forces

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein's forces defied Washington's "red line" in north Iraq for a second day and attacked Kurdish rebels, said a Kurdish spokesman. He accused President Bush of indulging in "gesture politics".

In Tehran, President Rafsanjani blamed the United States for the refugee problem and claimed that the West was hostile to the idea of a democratic government in Baghdad. He belittled Western relief efforts.

Iraqi government forces used tanks and heavy artillery in an attack on rebel positions in the mountains overlooking the town of Sulaymaniyah, said Hoyshar Zebari of the Iraqi Kurdistan Front, a coalition of the main Kurdish groups. The town is north of the 36th parallel, which Washington on Wednesday told Iraqi air and ground forces not to venture beyond in case they endangered the relief effort.

"Our people are still being chased by Saddam's forces and the American president is not interested in following up his own threats," Mr Zebari said. "The Iraqi army is desperate to regain control over the strategic mountain, so that it can disrupt the routes of refugees escaping to Iran," he added. "So far the *peshmergas* (Kurdish guerrillas) have repulsed several attempts and have taken a number of prisoners."

IRNA, the Iran's news agency, quoted a report by the Voice of Revolution, a rebel radio station, that said Kurdish guerrillas captured the town of Dukan in northern Iraq, on Thursday night. The agency also reported heavy fighting at Masrah in the south, where it said rebels had killed 30 government troops. It denied government forces had control of Basra, which it said was rocked by 14 explosions "as resistance continues against Baathist rule".

Mr Zebari described the international relief effort so far as "morally significant but materially insufficient" and said that many Kurdish refugees are braving Saddam's wrath by retuning to their homes. "Either they die of hunger or cold in the mountains, or they risk Saddam's torture chambers," he said.

In his attack on the United States, President Rafsanjani said: "I'm not saying that America has a right to interfere in the internal affairs of Iraq. What I'm saying is that America is responsible. Today the Iraqis are suffering. You (the West) are indirectly responsible."

Apparently addressing Western leaders in a sermon at Tehran university, he said: "You claim to be the champion of democracy, freedom. Now your stand is strange. You are happy over the plight of the refugees because you think that if a popular government comes to power, your interests will be in danger."

Impasse at Isikveren: a Turkish soldier guards Kurdish refugees trying to cross an army checkpoint yesterday. A nearby camp provides the basis of a relief infrastructure, and shelters about 150,000 people

BRITAIN

Major orders all-out aid for fleeing rebels

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S international aid agencies have been called to a meeting on Monday to discuss help for Iraq's fleeing Kurdish refugees. John Major said yesterday he had asked the foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd, to arrange the meeting.

The prime minister, and Mr Hurd in a speech last night, said that support had grown for his plan to create safe havens where the refugees would be free from attack from Saddam's troops. It was not practical for the world to stand aside and say it could not give help because the Iraqi government did not approve.

However, soon there would have to be substantial ground supplies to the Kurds. "Everyone who watches day after day must in their hearts know that it is right to deliver that support to the Kurds," Mr Major said. "I don't mind about the semantics, I don't much mind how it is done, but what I am absolutely clear about is that it has to be done, and that there is an international obligation that the international community will have to meet."

Mr Hurd rejected the argument of those who said that the allies had stopped the offensive too soon. "The coalition had inflicted massive damage on the Iraqi forces in the Kuwaiti theatre. Iraqi forces had ceased to offer serious resistance. They suffered substantial casualties. We were not in the business of indulging in a turkey shoot of every helpless Iraqi in uniform from Kuwait to Baghdad. Furthermore, the bulk of the forces which have since been deployed to suppress the popular uprisings in Iraq were not involved in the Kuwait theatre. They were not in the sights of the coalition."

TURKEY

Ankar urges relief drive

From MICHAEL BINYO IN ANKARA

YILDIRIM Akbulut, Turkish prime minister, ited the Iraqi border yeste to see the deteriorating ditions in the refugee ca as Turkey launched a paign to win Western help the massive and exper relief effort.

Adnan Kahveci, the fin minister, said yesterday th rough estimate showed Turkey had so far s $45 million (£25 million) relief and would s another $50 million to vide food for the refugees addition, $120 million been paid to draft in offic police and others involve the emergency operation.

Kamran Inan, the mini of state responsible for a development project southeastern Turkey, defe ed his country's record providing emergency rel not only for the Kurds but thousands of other refug who have come to Tur from Bulgaria, Iran, Afgha stan and Iraq during the p three years. Both minist said that Turkey could allow Kurds and all other n Arab groups to be driven of their homeland by Pre dent Saddam Hussei troops, and that only orderly return to their hon in safety would provide lasting solution.

Mr Inan said the Unit Nations should reconsider ban on interference in t internal affairs of countri There had to be new rules prevent destabilisation neighbouring countries ar the world should not be bou by "absurd and outdate ideas of sovereignty.

He accused the West hypocrisy, saying it wa unwilling to foot the bill an was criticising Turkey, whic had not turned anyone awa from its borders, but could no allow the creation of a new Palestinian problem, with refugees languishing in camps for decades because they were driven out of their homeland.

Mr. Kahveci Turkey ately from the Gulf confli and regional instability durin the past decade. It had refuse to sell arms to either Iran or Iraq during their eight-year war and had thus forfeited $40 billion in contracts. It had paid a large price for enforcing sanctions against Iraq. And it had now to pay for the Kurdish exodus.

Western diplomats say tha Turkey has been unfairly blamed by some aid workers and in television reports. They its response has been fa swifter than they anticipated and that the country has given unprecedented access to it sensitive border zones. Both British and American militar and diplomatic sources say th Turks have gone out of thei way to ensure smooth co ordination of the airlift and o proposed helicopter relief.

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Air raid kills four guerrillas

Beirut – The Israeli air force yesterday bombed a Palestinian guerrilla outpost of Abu Nidal's Fatah Revolutionary Council in southern Lebanon, killing at least four men and wounding ten others. The raid was the seventh air attack by the Israelis on Lebanon this year (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes).

Witnesses said four Israeli fighter bombers flattened an Abu Nidal hilltop base at Salhiyeh on the eastern fringes of Sidon with sustained rocket barrages which also hit nearby positions of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine led by Georges Habbash.

In Jerusalem, military authorities said the Abu Nidal base was being used "as a launching point for attacks against Israel".

Abu Nidal's faction, an avowed enemy of Yassir Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organisation, has been inactive for more than two years. Reports of an internal power struggle within Abu Nidal's group backed suggestions that the Palestinian extremist organisation was on the verge of collapse.

Hume cash call

London – Cardinal Basil Hume, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, has called for money to help Iraq's Kurd and Shia populations. He said the Gulf war allies had a responsibility to help win the peace, adding: "The political will and financial resources which made it possible to liberate Kuwait must now be found to provide humanitarian aid to the Kurd and Shia populations in Iraq."

Last PoWs to go

Riyadh – The last of about 70,000 Iraqi soldiers captured during the Gulf war will go home within five days, a spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross said here. He said delegates from five allied countries had met Iraqi envoys under Red Cross auspices at a Saudi air base. *(AFP)*

Rifle removed

Stockholm – Iraq allowed Swedish police and a protocol officer to enter its embassy to remove an automatic rifle which had been fired during a Kurdish demonstration, the foreign ministry said. The mission met Swedens's demands half an hour before a deadline which threatened to close it down. *(AP)*

SYRIA

Baker optimistic despite setback in Damascus

By RICHARD BEESTON

THE United States peace initiative in the Middle East encountered its most serious setback yesterday when Syria told James Baker, the visiting Secretary of State, that it opposed his plan for a regional conference.

Speaking at a press conference in Damascus at the end of Mr Baker's hectic five-day tour of Middle East capitals, Farouk al-Shara, the Syrian foreign minister, said that Syria insisted on a "significant role" for the United Nations in any peace negotiations in the region and opposed Mr Baker's plan for a regional conference.

Israel's right-wing government rejects the concept of an international conference under UN auspices because it fears being forced into a "land for peace" deal and opposes the creation of a Palestinian state.

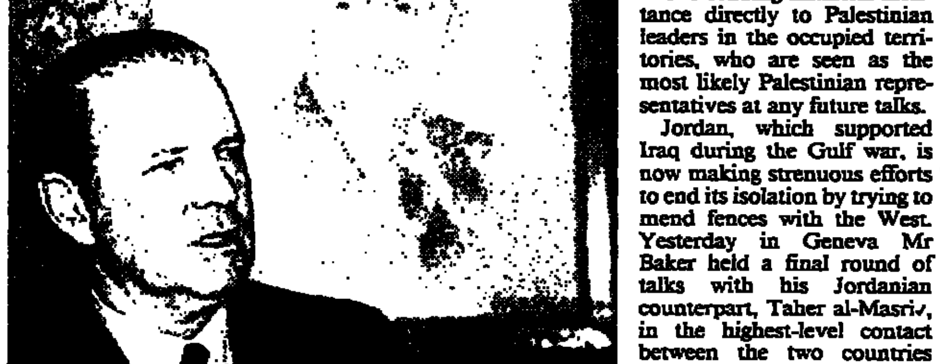
Although the Syrian position will present an obstacle to the American initiative, it by no means exhausts the diplomatic options left to Mr Baker, who can return to Washington with some room for optimism. At least he has support in principle for his initiative from Egypt and Saudi Arabia, and even Israel.

Before leaving Damascus, Mr Baker said: "We agreed there was a window of opportunity here to move the peace process forward and we should try not to miss that window." He was referring to the post-Gulf war political shake-up in the Middle East, which Mr Baker has discovered on this, his second tour in a month, has enhanced Washington's prestige in the region. The United States enjoys not only unchallenged dominance, but also the benefits of its newly-forged ties with the Arab allies in the coalition against Iraq.

In particular, Mr Baker has been able to overcome some obstacles which thwarted previous peace missions in the Middle East. For instance, the Palestine Liberation Organisation, once seen by some Arab states as a key component to peace talks, has now been shut out of the process by all the main players.

Reports from Cairo suggest that Saudi Arabia has cut off its funding to the organisation and is sending financial assistance directly to Palestinian leaders in the occupied territories, who are seen as the most likely Palestinian representatives at any future talks.

Jordan, which supported Iraq during the Gulf war, is now making strenuous efforts to end its isolation by trying to mend fences with the West. Yesterday in Geneva Mr Baker held a final round of talks with his Jordanian counterpart, Taher al-Masri, in the highest-level contact between the two countries since the Gulf conflict.



Watching brief: Baker pushes his peace proposals in Damascus under a picture of Assad

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TURKISH BORDER

US plans 'refugee enclave'

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

THE United States is planning to set up refugee camps inside northern Iraq and on the Turkish-Iraqi border to help hundreds of thousands of Iraqis, mostly Kurds, fleeing the President Saddam Hussein's regime, Turkey said yesterday.

The Turkish foreign ministry said the strictly humanitarian operation was aimed at setting up "temporary settlements" in border regions to "meet the most urgent needs of Iraqis who are living in extremely difficult conditions". Ankara said it had given permission for the establishment of the camps until the United Nations completes preparations to send relief aid to the refugees.

The announcement came amid pressure from members of Congress on President Bush for tougher international action to help the Iraqi Kurds, although an increase in humanitarian aid is seen as only a short-term solution. On Thursday, Dante Fascell, the chairman of the House foreign affairs committee, said the international community and not just America had "a responsibility to do everything we can to stop" the killing of civilians by Saddam's forces.

The State Department had no immediate comment about Turkey's announcement, but a spokesman sounded confused about Washington's official stand on the establishment of a refugee zone.

UNITED NATIONS

Britain steps up pressure on Iraq

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BRITAIN yesterday attempted to increase the pressure on Iraq to co-operate with United Nations relief efforts by summoning the permanent members of the security council to discuss a possible new resolution.

A resolution passed last week requires the Iraqi government to co-operate with relief efforts, and Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, has expressed confidence that Baghdad will agree. Señor Pérez de Cuéllar said the Iraqi government seemed to have set aside protected areas for refugees.

Sir David Hannay, Britain's ambassador, consulted representatives from China, France, the Soviet Union and the United States about a resolution which would force Iraq to recognise "safe havens" for the Kurds if the Iraqi authorities refuse to work with Eric Suy, the UN envoy, due to arrive in Baghdad today.

However, Baghdad has only said that it is willing to accept a UN mission to investigate the plight of the Kurds. When Mr Suy's mission was announced, Western diplomats expressed unhappiness that his team consisted of just five members.

The British proposal faces formidable opposition from China and the Soviet Union, because of the precedent it would set for the protection of other dissident peoples. Yet British diplomats argued yesterday that such mandatory action could be justified by the Geneva Conventions, which prohibit governments from attacking their population.

While expressing reservations about the idea of "safe havens", Iran has also called for UN action to help the refugees. In a letter to Señor Pérez de Cuéllar, Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian foreign minister, said the influx of about 900,000 refugees into Iran had "reached and indeed passed dangerous levels. It is, therefore, the strong conviction of my government, that, without prejudice to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq, the necessary arrangements should be made for the safe and dignified repatriation of these refugees to their homeland," he wrote. "In order to provide a credible alternative to exodus and create the necessary atmosphere of confidence for voluntary return of the refugees, the process should be carried out under active and effective UN supervision and with UN guarantees for the safety and honour of the affected population, with the necessary safeguards to preclude any hampering — however temporary — of Iraq's territorial integrity."

Mr Suy intends to seek Iraqi agreement for the deployment of about 50 UN relief officials to help refugees in the country, UN sources said yesterday. He will be joined by Sadruddin Aga Khan, the co-ordinator of the UN humanitarian operation in the Gulf on Monday.

Anti-Saddam Iraqis wait in fear as American troops pull out

From JAMIE DETTMER IN SAFWAN, SOUTH IRAQ

AS AMERICAN troops put the finishing touches to withdrawal from the refugee camp here, Iraqis seeking protection from President Saddam Hussein angrily dismissed the idea that a United Nations observer force would be able to secure their safety.

Refugees expressed considerable fear about the presence of Iraqi state security agents in the camp. According to Major Tom Grubbs, an American civil affairs officer, 14 Iraqis have been handed over to US soldiers by refugees who claim they are members of state security. "We don't have the expertise to know if they are spies, so we have handed them to our intelligence people to interrogate." Some American officers say they are concerned that there has been little on-the-ground planning by UN representatives ahead of the American withdrawal and handover.

For the 14,000 refugees in the US-controlled camp at Safwan and the 15,000 or so in the nearby Red Crescent camp, President Bush's new world order looks remarkably similar to the old one.

"Are we not human beings?" asked a refugee. "If we are not human beings, tell us. Tell us we are animals and have done with it. Why are you leaving?"

Sensitively minded American soldiers at a checkpoint near the camp have already given their answer about whether they consider the refugees animals. A large sign at a checkpoint reads: Throwing food from vehicles prohibited. "It was obscene watching some soldiers chuck food at the kids on the side of the road. If you want to give them food, you should have the courtesy to get out of your car," said Sergeant Wayne Johnson.

An angelic-faced young woman, clothed in a black chador, spoke for many yesterday when she said: "We want to go to America, to any place, but not Iraq." Khatim Lakza, aged 29, continued: "We will stay here, because where can we go? We hear on the radio much talk about the Kurds, but what about us?"

For women with young children life in the Safwan camp is particularly hard. "This is a bad place. Yes, we have food and water but it is difficult. I sleep under the sky and when water comes I put my baby here." Mrs Lakza opened her chador to show where she hides her child from the rain. Even US army officers keen to get home to their families after long tours of duty are questioning the morality of leaving south Iraq.

"It does make you wonder what we've fought about," said Lieutenant Matthew Houser, the officer in charge of the final United States checkpoint on the road to Basra. "I suppose it was about oil in the end. When you have been here for a while and you see what the people go through and hear the grim tales of killing, then you think maybe we should stay."

There was only a trickle of refugees along the Basra road yesterday. Iraqi soldiers loyal to Saddam are weeding out those people heading south who are clearly planning an escape from the country. But hundreds were still plodding along the expressway from Baghdad in decrepit cars and old Toyota pick-up trucks weighed down with family possessions. Many of them lived in the sector controlled by the Americans. But now the sector is to be handed back to Saddam, they feel their only course of action is to flee.

The Safwan camp has an eerie feel about it now. A large number of the US troops have already withdrawn. The ones remaining have not had time to encourage the burning of the rubbish that piles up quickly. Food distribution in the camp is taking longer to accomplish each day.

The refugees sit and wait. Just over 3,000 sleep inside a dilapidated construction building at the heart of the camp. The smell inside is of unwashed bodies, human excrement and rotting food. In one corridor of offices that were looted by retreating Iraqi soldiers the refugees have fitted grey US army blankets as curtains to replace the missing doors. Families from ten to 20 sleep in rooms the size of suburban garages in Britain.

The cry of children in pain echoed throughout the building. Those children who had not gone down with illness skipped around outside, shouting "Mr, Mr," to any passing soldier or Westerner. Chocolate was high on their list of requests. Close to a pile of fly-infested rubbish, a group of barefoot children played with three cardboard boxes. Other children pressed on the barbed wire surrounding US army tents asking why their favourite soldiers had gone and when they could come back to play football.

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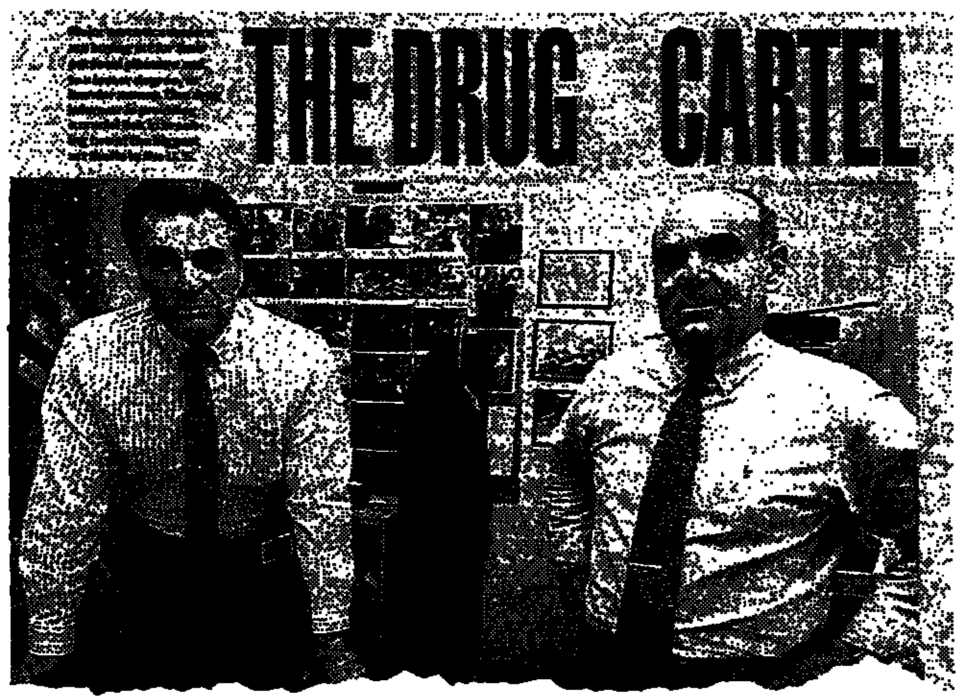

Stashed away: New York detectives (above) linked drug money to stolen art such as (below) *St James the Greater*, by Pacino da Bonaguida and Fra Angelica's *Saints Dominic and John the Baptist*

"You are soon going to find as many drug barons here as in New York," Mr Saunders says. "Scotland Yard's drug squad might recognise English movers but not necessarily South American ones."

As the government prepares to launch National Crime Prevention Week on Monday, this is a good time to explore the world of the informant, and the potential rewards that can be brought to members of the public.

Three groups of people are principally concerned with the retrieval of stolen works: the police, underwriters and the informants. Underwriters have a particular interest — they are keen to retrieve stolen art in order to save paying out the insurance. It is they who place advertisements offering rewards, usually of 10 per cent of the work's value, "subject to the usual conditions". This means the money will only be paid following arrest, recovery and conviction, thus keeping within the *strictures of the* 1968 Theft Act, which bans any "aiding and abetting" of crime. There is, however, always a temptation for loss adjustors to pay out without reference to the police when the amount involved is small.

Finally comes the informant, a group which divides into three subcategories.

First comes the passer-by, who happens on the information and contacts the police. One such was the business partner of the Hampstead-based owner of a Munnings painting who noticed the painting hanging in a West End gallery two years after it was stolen.

The painting was traced back through Sotheby's New York, and then to the "handler", who first sold it after the theft — a Briton operating in Switzerland. The operation resulted in the recovery of property from six burglaries.

Next is the art and antiques professional who, on being offered suspect goods, contacts the police. Action taken *by a security officer at Phillips* over a consignment of silver led to the retrieval of candlesticks stolen from the *Glaziers* Hall in 1986. "An entire operation was closed as a result," says Detective Sergeant Richard Ellis, of Scotland Yard's Arts and Antiques squad. The same candlesticks were stolen again last year.

Some dealers have been known to keep quiet about stolen goods, and either turn them down or quickly sell them on when they suspect they have been stolen.

The final, and most problematic category is the petty criminal. "He will drink at the same pub as the crooks, or be a pot boy [collector of glasses]," Mr Saunders says. "He would do most things to turn a quid. It's amazing what he can hear. Villains can be very indiscreet."

Information from such criminals can be a problem for the police. The informant may be pursuing a vendetta — either against the police or a gang — and he can vanish if things go wrong, usually when, for legal reasons, the reward is not forthcoming.

Despite the pitfalls, the police are keen to encourage informants because they are often the only lead. "Police go to great lengths to safeguard the identity of the informant and to distance him from the ultimate arrests and recovery of the goods," Det Sgt Ellis says.

Meanwhile, Mr Saunders says, loss adjustors fearful of alienating their informants by their conditions of reward, are debating whether to drop the conviction clause, and promising to pay after the goods are recovered and an arrest has been made.

Ghoul lifts lid to £825

Review

☐ **Cryptic Crippen:** A letter from the murderer Dr Crippen, asking his solicitors to dispose of his furniture and personal belongings, except his clothes, fetched £825 (estimate £200-£300) at Christie's, South Kensington.

☐ **Lucky find:** A Thomas Girtin watercolour of *Paris, Looking Towards Montmartre*, discovered recently in the Brighton Lanes, was bought at Christie's, London, by the London dealers Hazlitt Gooden & Fox for £18,700 (estimate £25,000 to £35,000) for the British Museum.

☐ **Turn up:** A Turner watercolour of Conway castle bathed in sunlight, and in remarkably fresh condition, fetched £280,500 at Sotheby's in London against an estimate of £300,000 to £400,000. With its record for a John Robert Cozens Italian landscape that fetched £110,000 (estimate £40,000 to £60,000), and a sold percentage of 85 per cent, Sotheby's British drawings and watercolours auction was a great success.

☐ **Sad losses:** Two corners of the art market are destined for change following the recent deaths of their leading spirits. They are Jacques Koopman, of E. & C.T. Koopman, London, said to be the world's best known silver dealer because of his habit of sweeping the board for top quality pieces, and William Desmond, the London dealer in 20th century paintings.

Preview

☐ **Tuesday:** There are many lovely, if slightly unfashionable, items among the European sculptures and works of art at Christie's, notably religious carvings; 11am. At Bonhams, the manuscript sale includes Scottish 19th century literary material, and Lord Chancellor Thurlow's papers, among which are 25 autographed letters from George III; 2pm.

☐ **Wednesday:** Japanese Shibayama ivory tusk mugs or vases decorated with lacquer, mother-of-pearl, coral and hardstone, are a bizarre entry in Hamptons' large mixed sale at Godalming, Surrey; 11am.

☐ **Thursday:** Just the gift for an MP's wife or, indeed, a woman MP is a diamond-set portcullis brooch in Hy Duke & Son's silver and jewellery sale in Dorchester; noon. What is said to be the largest circular table in the world (96in diameter), made of padouk wood, and sold on behalf of the Honourable Society of Knights of the Round Table, is at Bonhams, 2pm (up to £20,000).

☐ **Thursday:** More than 100 contemporary art galleries from 20 countries open shop at Art London 91, the sixth International Contemporary Art Fair at Olympia, west London, until April 21.

Thursday: 2pm and Friday 11am: "Circle", "follower", "after" and "attributed to" are much the order of the two-day Old Master sale at Christie's but there is a *Jonah and the Whale*, by Mozart — Anton (1573-1625), not Wolfgang Amadeus — expected to fetch up to £4,000. Up to £70,000 is hoped for a sketchy, *rather impressionist Immaculate Conception* by Valdes Leal (1622-1690).

☐ **Friday:** Prints of all types, from Old Masters to the 20th century, at Sotheby's; 10am and 2pm.

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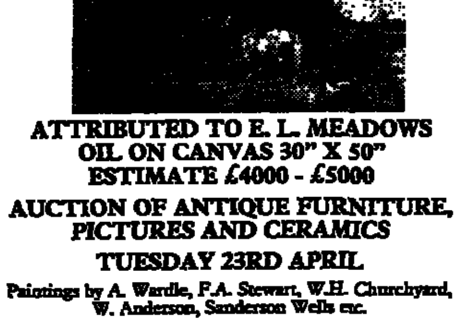

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It was Professor Stephen Hawking who first brought the anthropic principle to the attention of a wider public, in his bestseller *A Brief History of Time*. Unfortunately he let it lead him into the wonderland world of the square root of minus one, leaving the lay public baffled.

All that was left was the Cheshire Cat's smile, the vague perception that a first-rank scientist and mathematician, and an agnostic to boot, thinks a scientific discussion of the existence of God is still worthwhile (even if he takes it into multi-dimensional space-time where few can follow).

The anthropic principle is the most intriguing new scientific idea of the last decade. The patron saint of the modern world is Doubting Thomas, the disciple who (at just about this point after Easter) demanded proof. Modern Thomases have given up expecting an answer, however, and religious truths have become matters for suspicion rather than certainty. But what scientists have uncovered, and labelled the anthropic principle, is a massive piece of circumstantial evidence pointing to meaning and purpose in the universe.

But the theory does not fit into any slots, which is why it has failed to find the friends it deserves. An idea does not necessarily thrive because it is true, but more often because some vested interest finds it useful. The theologians burnt their fingers so badly over Galileo and Darwin that they have given up looking for scientific reasons for believing in God, preferring instead to show why such reasons are unnecessary. The scientists stopped expecting to find God at the bottom of a test tube long ago, and if they are religious believers, seem to believe with a separate part of their brains. Philosophers have noted that the anthropic principle comes in a weak and a strong form, and prefer the former, safer "so what?" version.

Hawking: taking God into realms of science where few can follow

So nobody has dared to claim that by discovering the anthropic principle, scientists have proved God's existence — just in case somebody disproves the principle tomorrow. As a result, it has never captured the public imagination. What also counts against the principle is that scientists like to surround their versions of it with with such flank-guarding qualifications that it seems too complicated for non-scientists to grasp.

The principle is best approached from the perspective of what was thought to be the case before it appeared. Life, including human intelligence, was thought to have evolved from lower forms, ultimately from inorganic chemicals. It was generally accepted that, given more or less the right conditions, the evolution of conscious, thinking beings was probably inevitable. And the criteria for the right conditions were not thought to be critical: if they had been slightly different, evolution would have made the necessary adjustments and the forms of life would have been slightly different too. In other words, with many millions of shots over millions of years, hitting the target was odds-on. And all this had nothing much to do with the creation of the universe billions of years ago.

But as more facts became known about the creation of the universe, this odds-on assumption began to change. First it was settled that it must have been a very "big bang", long ago: "continuous creation" did not stand up. Then it became clear that this must have involved, in an extremely short space of time, a specific quantity and distribution of energy and matter. This determined the shape of the universe for the rest of its existence, from such small details as the distribution of elements to such large ones as its speed of expansion (a critical factor). Then it became clear that there was something so unlikely about the shape and composition the universe took on that the odds against were many billions of billions to one.

Finally, it was calculated that only this exact set of details — odds against of billions upon billions notwithstanding — would have produced and supported life, including intelligent life. Hence "anthropic", from the Greek word for human. From the first microseconds of creation, when the bang was at its biggest, the entire universe appears to have been fine-tuned so that somewhere, sometime, intelligent life would develop.

The precise values of the speed of light, Planck's Constant, the mass of protons compared with neutrons, the total quantity of hydrogen and helium — all apparently unconnected conditions which have controlled every detail of the universe's development — seem to have been exactly programmed at or just after the first moment of time, and all to one end: humanity. Any deviation (and the odds on such deviations were tremendous) would have made the development of the universe as we know it, life included, impossible.

At this point the scientists ran for cover, the theologians looked embarrassed, and it was left to the philosophers to suggest that the anthropic principle was just a circular argument (the principle's weak version): if we did not exist we could not ask such questions.

It is the principle's strong version — evidence for design in the universe, and a design which presupposed the eventual emergence of man — that is electrifying. For if it is true, who did the designing and presupposing? Or should we say Who?

If in the course of an experiment a scientist produced a result against odds this large, he certainly would not dismiss it as an accident. He would look for a cause. Alternatively, a theory that had been proved to this degree of certainty would be regarded as settled. But to ask how did the universe "know" what it was doing, and "who" told it, takes the scientific imagination right off the scale. Such questions — who dunnit? or even Who? — are not scientifically examinable. But the pre-Copernican, man-centred view of the world suddenly begins to look respectable again.

George Brock sets the scene for today's political match-making summit in Brussels

Tory outsiders who want to belong

Sitting in the vast and soulless amphitheatre that houses the European Parliament in Strasbourg is a forlorn splinter group. The grandly titled European Democratic Group contains 32 British Tories, with just two Danish conservatives for company. Separated from the Tories only by a thin sliver of French liberals sits the massive Christian Democratic bloc led by a plump and genial German, Egon Klepsch.

Herr Klepsch is not one of nature's sparkling orators, nor an intellectual giant, but he is a power to be reckoned with at Strasbourg, where big is beautiful. Tiny grouplets carry little clout. The Tories, under the command of their earnest leader, Sir Christopher Prout, have been making eyes at Herr Klepsch and asking if they can join his bloc.

Mr Major has gone to their aid, not only by saying that Britain wants to be in the heart of Europe but also by pointing to the affinities between Christian Democracy and Conservatism.

Today, Chancellor Kohl of Germany — who wants the Tories admitted — joins his five fellow Christian Democrat heads of government — from Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Greece — at a meeting in Brussels to discuss the issue. A compromise is probable. "Fudge is being cooked," said one negotiator, "and you know what an attractive smell that can be."

Vague dreams for associating British Conservatism and continental Christian Democracy have been current in both parties since the 1950s, but differences always outweighed common denominators. Then Mrs Thatcher's uncompromising assertion of economic liberalism ended the speculation while she was in power. But even if the political obstacles to a rapprochement are being demolished, the philosophical gulf between the parties is enormous.

Europe's Christian Democratic ideas were born in the turbulent social changes of the last decades of the 19th century, when the Roman Catholic church had to find a reply to the popular liberals and their promotion of secular democracy and laissez-faire economics. Catholic brands of conservatism and socialism emerged, but both stalled.

In 1919, Luigi Sturzo, a Catholic priest, founded the first Christian Democratic party. It advocated social reform — then a daringly progressive line for an avowedly religious party — but was independent of the church and opposed to socialism and class conflict. Sturzo was driven from Italy by the Fascists and set up shop in Paris. He worked with three young men who played major parts in the creation of the European Community and are now the holy trinity of Christian Democracy: Alcide de Gasperi, Robert Schumann and Konrad Adenauer.

The second world war shattered political classes all over Europe and created an opportunity for the infant Christian Democratic parties, which were untainted by association with either Nazism or communism. Christian Democratic parties were soon dominating the centre of the political spectrum in Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Belgium, where they remain today. From the start they were *linked by intricate* transnational networks and a fervent wish to unite Europe. Their affiliated parties today are generally in favour of the free market, but temper this with varying degrees of state welfare for the weakest and poorest.

The present heavyweights of Christian Democracy are classic political managers and survivors, veterans of a thousand long nights of coalition-making. There is common ground between their basic doctrine and the Conservative party of Disraeli and Thatcher, but it should not be exaggerated. Both have long been devoted to *pragmatic defence* of the status quo. Both are electorally based in the middle class. After that, the differences begin.

The biggest difference is temperamental. As one British Conservative put it: "We operate from a respect for facts and experience. They love theories, ideals and windy generalisations. If you read *a lot of Christian* Democratic literature, it's like Scientology. You can't quite grasp what they're on about. It keeps slipping away from you like the soap in the bath." For Christian Democrats, the moral basis of a political party is all. They cannot understand British parties that take no position on ethical issues such as abortion.

Mr Major may be able to effect a marriage of convenience *with the* Christian Democrats, but it will not be a marriage made in heaven.

As the Kremlin considers action to stem a rising tide of pornography, **Peter Millar** reports on the libertarian revolution accompanying Gorbachev's political reforms

Going blue where all was red

I still remember the *frisson*, the muffled undercurrent of excitement amid the smell of wet dog that is the essence of Soviet cinema cloakrooms in winter. It was dark outside, and cold. Inside, it was hot, even steamy.

The cinema, in a Moscow suburb, was packed with an enthusiastic audience waiting for the local première of poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko's first film. It is called *Kindergarten*, and is a drama of childhood under the *spectre of Stalin and the threat of* Hitler. But the audience was there for the sex.

Specifically, they had come to see the scene — stolidly discussed by the party papers in terms of artistic acceptability in the new liberal regime and salivated over in bars — in which the blonde bandit girl rolls naked in the snow after a Siberian sauna.

That was almost all there was to it (although rumours were circulating about the actress and the author). But this was 1985, in the infancy of the Gorbachev revolution, and in the minds of the Russian public, nudity was still equated with eroticism, and eroticism meant pornography, and that was against the law, so it had to be good.

Things have come a long way since then. In 1985, one still risked a labour-camp sentence for denouncing Stalin, let alone Gorbachev, on street corners. Proposing a non-communist mayor of Moscow, a multi-party system and secession by the Baltic republics would have been tantamount to treason. But it has all come to pass, and more.

Above all, the Moscow street kiosks now sell the sort of girlie magazine that we in the West routinely see stacked on the upper shelves of station bookstores. One is called *Venus*, and is about as offensive — or inoffensive, depending on your point of view — as *Mayfair*. It might get a better press from the feminist lobby, for it contains informative articles on venereal disease and even a section that might be described as "How to go about it". For in the old Soviet Union some things, ranging from emigration to sex education, were best simply not talked about. For young Muscovites, first sexual encounters as *often as not took the form of* furtive, experimental gropes in the open-air swimming pool, where, in winter, the clouds of steam rising from the heated water into the frosty air provided a veil of privacy, even anonymity.

Now, as a Soviet Noel Coward might say, anything goes. On the night train to Vilnius, the biggest queue is not for the last bottle of beer from the buffet car (it rarely has any) but for the last seat in the cinema carriage where films are shown that make *Kindergarten* look like what it was supposed to be: a historical epic. Blue movies are up and running all over Moscow, aided and abetted by a belated video revolution. There is wit, too, albeit black humour. I recently bought a badge from a street vendor showing a shapely woman pulling her blouse over her head, with the motto "Government health warning".

Needless to say, there are men in the Kremlin who are not too happy about all this. Nikolai Gubenko, a former actor who is now minister of culture, has been entrusted with devising and implementing a set of laws to control a growing pornography industry. He has suggested a film and video classification system, restrictions on the sale of pornography and more rigorous searches at airports and border crossings. But it is a politically unenviable task. In most people's minds, sexual liberalism is intrinsically linked with political liberalism. Curbs on soft pornography would be perceived as a clampdown on liberal thought, as witness Mr Gubenko's expressed concern over definitions: would a ban on sadism mean censoring Dostoevsky? *Furthermore, he says,* "If you start arresting people, you just drive pornography back underground".

Forbidden fruit no longer: a Muscovite contemplates the wares of a kiosk specialising in girlie magazines

These are valid points. Even thinking about them is an advance in Soviet society. Dictatorships are notoriously frightened of sexual liberation: the common herd understands sex as a basic lust, a means to procreation. Dictatorships can cope with that — indeed, they need it to ensure a continuing supply of subjects — but eroticism is a product of the intellect, and intellectuals threaten autocracy by *refusing automatic acceptance of* an imposed set of values.

Stalin and the late Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu both banned abortion, not because it depressed the birthrate of factory fodder, but because they were frightened of promiscuity: if excessive social intercourse was a breeding ground for dangerous ideas, there was no saying what sexual intercourse might lead to. People might end up forming undesirable relationships all over the place. The dictatorship of the proletariat was a tyranny of peasant values. Sex was highly stigmatised.

In the early days of revolutionary Russia, marriage was overturned and free love was all the rage. But the potential for anarchy in such a state of affairs soon became apparent, and the values of the established order and tradition soon began to seem attractive. But in the manner of Orwell's *Animal Farm*, these values were reimposed more brutally and rigidly than before, like everything else from the old order that was surreptitiously brought back by the new autocracy.

Stalin murdered love and suffocated sex. In a society where any relationship was suspect and every acquaintance a risk, the easiest course was to keep them to a minimum (though this meant that each friendship was a jewel to treasure).

Gorbachev shattered all that, pulling the carpet from beneath this established, repressive society. The result has been an outpouring all at once of all that was repressed, politically, culturally and sexually. And in*evitably the outpouring is untidy*. Much of what has emerged — such as the latent anti-Semitism, the racial intolerance, the ready violence and the pornography — is repellent. The danger is that the most unpleasant elements will prosper, that the new society will be strangled at birth by the worst aspects of its own character.

Sexuality is an important part of society. A healthy attitude to it mirrors a healthy society. Eroticism, like laughter, is an element of the human condition, unknown, we believe, to animals. The simplistic Russian cinemagoers were wrong: nudity is not eroticism, and eroticism is not pornography. The lines between them are fine, and each society *must draw its own as a measure of* its maturity.

I do not envy Mr Gubenko his task, but I am amazed and *delighted that* he is tackling it.

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MATTHEW PARRIS

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? The question has been asked a million times, in enquiry or in irony, but most recently by Mr M.M. Moore, of Haverhill, Suffolk. Mr Moore took his query to the *Daily Mirror*'s Lively Letters column. The answer? The egg.

"Oxford scientist Richard Dawkins, in *The Selfish Gene*, suggests that some genes ... are better at reproducing themselves," said the reply. In other words, a plot has been hatched by eggs. They have invented hens. "Hens ... are only a kind of living machine designed to produce more eggs."

It is hard to imagine a conclusion of greater importance. That it should be found on page 22 of the *Daily Mirror*, while the quality newspapers are entirely occupied by speculation about the poll tax, shows how far we have lost our sense of intellectual proportion in Britain. For does this discovery not prompt us to rethink a thousand careless assumptions about the "purpose" of things.

Take television. Little reflection is needed to see that advertisements are the primary product and by far the most interesting items to watch. But a diet of ads alone would be too rich, so, to allow viewers to relax and slip into the kitchen to make a cup of coffee, "programmes" are inserted between commercials. Their function is secondary, but important: to link the ads.

Or take next month's local elections. Perhaps you suppose that the purpose of elections is to produce administrations. Wrong. It's the other way round. Governments and councils are the complex but unexciting life-forms that nature has interposed between election and election, designed to renew the electoral cycle but in other respects to disappoint.

Disappointment is part of the cycle. There would be no point in simply re-electing a successful government every four or five years. Kicking 'em out (or trying to) is the whole idea. That an election produces an administration which ultimately fails is what justifies the following election, and all the fun. So, like retaining the Ashes, being prime minister (or the controlling group on the Derbyshire Dales district council) is symbolic: solely for display until the next contest. The Ashes themselves are not worth having.

An election, by contrast, is part of Creation's purpose and beautifully fitted to it. Elections are glamorous. Elections conform to clear laws. Participants find fulfilment in their roles, and the world enjoys the spectacle. And each election contains the seeds of the next election, buried in the colourless intermediary of an "administration" that will be found wanting.

Shopping is similar. To imagine that the act of purchase is only a preliminary is to misunderstand human nature. The act of purchase is the main event. Possession and use of the product, once taken home and unwrapped, is secondary: just a grey period acting as a buffer zone between bouts of raw shopping. We are born to shop. I shop therefore I am.

And surely Dawkins prompts a new perspective on dragonfly larvae. The very name "larva" suggests an incomplete first stage. As children we were indoctrinated with this dragonfly-centred view of the life cycle of the species. To humans, the thought of being a dragonfly is appealing, so we have portrayed the larva as a regrettable preliminary before that heady crawl up the bullrush, followed by metamorphosis and flight, when the fun is supposed to start.

But what makes you think it's no fun to be a larva? To a larva, the bottom of the pond is heaven: a dark green paradise where you are never too hot, never cold, and delicious morsels swirl by in the current. Mud is rich, snug, luxurious, and you are very beautiful to other larvae.

The contentment is spoilt by one thing only: the knowledge that one sad day duty will call you to claw your way up from this cool world of greens and browns and soft filtered light into the harsh air of an upper Hades. There you must mutate into a fearsome giant, elongated fly with lurid colours, and buzz around in blind, frenzied panic, trying to avoid the beaks of birds ...

... Until it is time to feel the water caress your undercarriage as you dip down and release the thing for which this cruel episode has equipped you: the tiny speck, falling through the bubbles to the safety of the clay, to hatch into the glory for which God made your kind: a dragonfly larva.

Trail-blazing for London

The Royal Institute of British Architects has stepped in to help London in its bid to host the Olympic games in the year 2000. Although it will not be asking members to don their tracksuits, the institute has offered to field architects of gold-medal calibre, such as the ubiquitous Richard Rogers, James Stirling and Norman Foster, as part of a "creative design board" to ensure that the capital's sporting facilities are up to the mark.

The involvement of the institute is in response to an appeal from Sebastian Coe, president of the group organising London's bid. Bill Rodgers, Riba's director general, has proposed that the board oversee plans for an athletics stadium, an Olympic village for 15,000 people, and rowing, cycling and swimming facilities, many of them in London's docklands. For some, it proposes that Riba holds architectural design competitions.

Coe's group hopes that Riba's involvement will trump Manchester's bid when the British Olympic Association decides at the end of the month which of the two cities to nominate. But the institute, determined to be even-handed, has also offered to help Manchester with its proposals. Manchester, however, seems unlikely to take up the offer.

"The Olympics could be the perfect vehicle for regenerating London's city centre," says Chris Palmer at Riba. "Just look at the effect that staging the Olympics next year has had on Barcelona's architectural heritage."

Whether such cultural considerations can increase Britain's medal tally remains to be seen; but if London's bid is successful, losing British athletes will at least have the consolation of playing the game in style.

THE TIMES DIARY

Stymied

Only one ingredient was missing from the annual National Pig Fair just ended at the National Agriculture Centre at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire: the pigs. Today's equivalents of the Empress of Blandings were banned on the advice of the agriculture ministry because of the outbreak of blue ear disease.

"We did have photographs," says a spokesman bravely, "and there was lots of agricultural machinery to look at." Many visitors were disappointed, he concedes. But not the cleaners.

ABC seeks A to Z

Only a couple of weeks into the job and the new Archbishop of Canterbury has already strayed — though not, one hastens to add, from the path of righteousness. This week Dr Carey was in Canterbury to film a special edition of *Songs of Praise* for the BBC when he got lost. He *asked a policeman to direct him to* the Old Palace close, and was told the gates are closed to all but the archbishop. Dr Carey patiently explained that he *is* the archbishop. The producer of *Songs of Praise*, Chris Mann, saw the scene unfold: "I was worried that the policeman was going to say 'Oh yes, and I'm the Pope'. Fortunately he didn't."

The following day the BBC unit was filming in the ruins of St Augustine's, which is not far from the cathedral. "We had set up this moody night shoot, and I got on my portable telephone to send for the archbishop," says Mann. "He got lost on the way. But I am sure he will soon find his way around."

● *With the continuing budget problems at both the Royal Opera House and English National Opera, the monthly magazine* Opera Now *comes up with some suggestions for new, low-budget productions next season. What price Benjamin Britten's* The Turn of the Widget *or Mozart's* The Engagement of Figaro *and* The Magic Piccolo?

In at number 10

John Major has particular reason to greet the arrival of the first-class cricket season which opens today (the earliest start since 1903). He is about to join the ranks of the MCC, after leapfrogging almost 9,000 on the club's 20-year waiting list.

At a meeting to be held on April 24, the MCC committee is expected to approve a proposal that Major, who was put up for membership a mere 18 months ago, be elected under a procedure allowing for distinguished people to be admitted out of turn in exceptional circumstances.

The move follows an outcry from a large number of members earlier this year when the Diary suggested he would have to wait until 2009 before being admitted. Some threatened to resign, and a special MCC sub-committee advised that Major be given the same red-carpet treatment accorded to Lord Runcie and Cardinal Hume in 1983.

In the pavilion's Long Room, Major will join former prime ministers Edward Heath (elected in 1970) and Lord Home (a past president and member for more than half a century).

Major's backers are a heavyweight quartet: his proposer is Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, and his seconder is Jeffrey Archer. His other supporters are former Test players Colin Cowdrey and Alec Bedser. "It will be very good for cricket," says Archer. "His knowledge of the game is first-class."

Borderline case

This is not, surely, the best moment to launch an advertising campaign extolling the hospitality of Turkey. Nevertheless, the Turkish tourist office in London is pressing ahead with television and newspaper advertisements this weekend. "Now is the time to come to Turkey," they say. Undaunted by charges of insensitivity, the tourist office says: "We have no plans to cancel the campaign. It's very successful. We have had some complaints, but thousands of calls from people who like it."

The ads proclaim that Turkish "traditions of hospitality are legendary". A legend to the Kurds, too.

● *Invitations are going out for the Coldstream Guards' shindig at Wellington Barracks next month to celebrate the end of the Gulf war. "You are invited to the mother of all parties ... a Ba'ath party," says the invitation. Dress? "Soddin' insane," it suggests, tastelessly.*

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control and red caviar, smoked salmon, cured ham and chocolates are on sale again. Although theoretically available before at low state prices, such goods used to disappear straight on to the black market.

Many are questioning how long the plenty will last. Some believe the appearance of goods was deliberately timed to coincide with growing despair at the continued emptiness of shops after the price rises of April 2. Others believe that people are preferring to live off their hoarded food rather than pay higher prices and that the shelves will empty again when private hoards start to run out, probably in about a month's time.

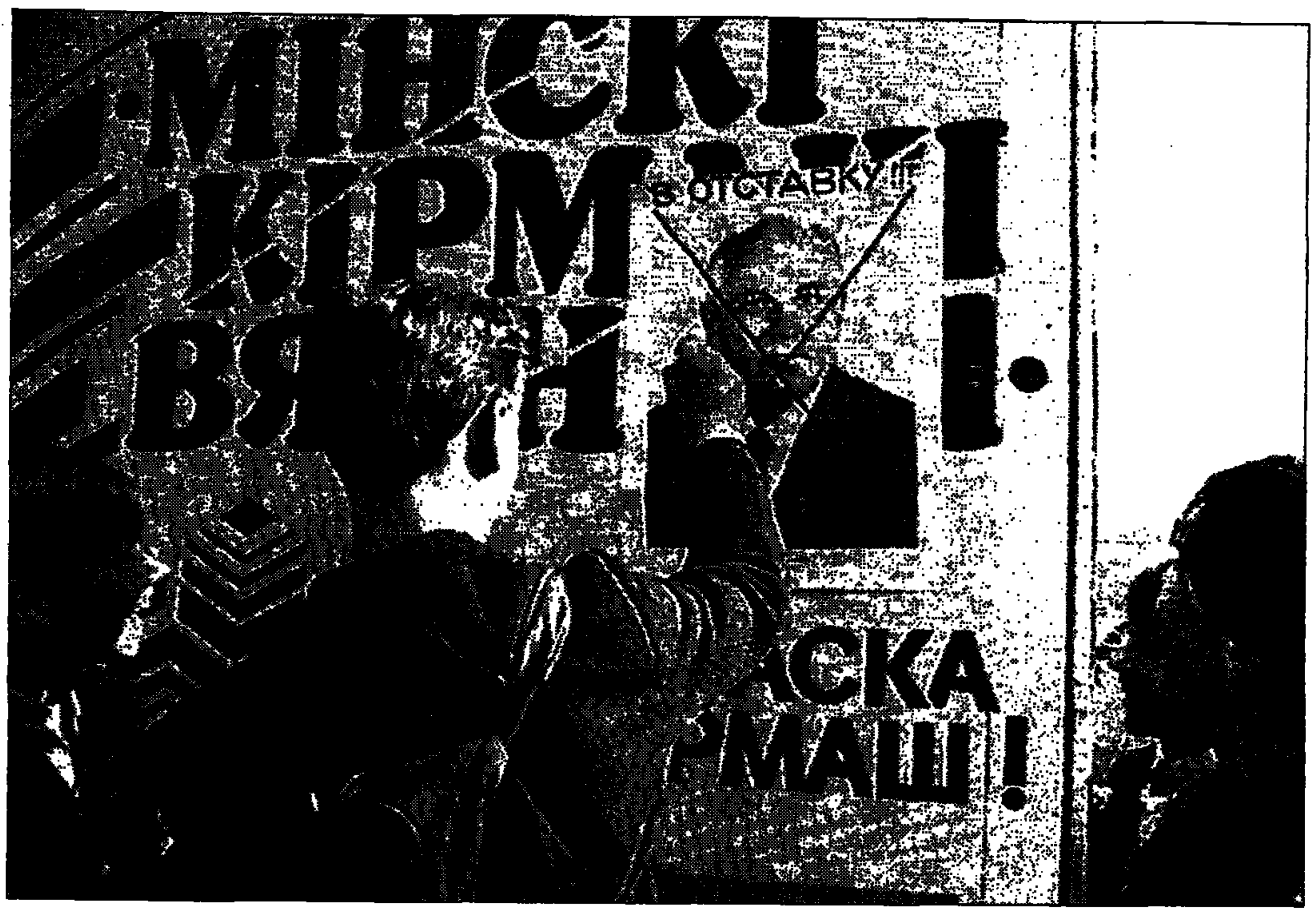
By then, however, if the central government gets its way, the people could be in for a further, bigger shock in the form of the "anti-crisis programme" which is a renewed attempt at economic reform. This was approved in principle by the Council of the Federation, representing most Soviet republics, on Tuesday and was yesterday distributed to Soviet MPs.

The first version of the programme, issued and then retracted by Tass, suggests that President Gorbachev and his government are planning a rush to the market very similar to that proposed in the radical "500-day" programme rejected by parliament and by the president last autumn. The anti-crisis programme calls for rapid and extensive privatisation, de-monopolisation, denationalisation and the freeing of most prices by October 1992.

Since the apparently mistaken publication of the programme, officials have taken great pains to present it as nothing more than an extension of the unambitious reform programme approved by parliament last year in place of the "500-day" plan, but with an emphasis on the disciplinarian aspects and central controls.

The text of the programme showed, however, that the disciplinary aspect is little more than a footnote to the main thrust, which is decentralisation and privatisation.

The strong words about central control may be no more than a feint to ensure that the conservatives are not alarmed. The title "anti-crisis programme" may also be deliberately misleading, giving an impression of tough pre-emptive meaures, rather than new economic reforms.



Soviet graffiti: a Minsk schoolboy defacing a portrait of President Gorbachev during a two-day strike in Belorussia which ended yesterday

Bankers tackle East-West poverty gap

International financiers intend opening a bank to help Eastern Europe's private sector and to accelerate economic and political reforms, **Roger Boyes** writes from Warsaw

CAN a group of politically committed bankers, led by a French novelist, close the poverty gap that divides Western and Eastern Europe? The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which opens its doors in London next week, may not prompt an economic miracle but it will supply some of the ambition and vision that has been singularly absent from Western policy since the 1989 revolutions.

Jacques Attali, the novelist and a former economic adviser to President Mitterrand, promises that the multilaterally funded bank will target the private sector of Eastern Europe and try to put in place the necessary infrastructure for a successful market economy. The bank's name echoes slightly the European Recovery Programme, known as the Marshall Plan, which channelled funds into a devastated Europe between 1948 and 1952.

Officials connected with the bank deny that it is a modern version of the Marshall Plan. With its 41 national shareholders it is not an arm of United States policy, and will give credits rather than handouts. Unlike the Marshall Plan, the bank is not a bulwark against communism.

"The Marshall Plan was an injection of petrol," said a French minister recently, "but what Eastern Europe needs now is a change of engine." Even so, there are important parallels. The new European bank will link economic development and progress towards democracy, limiting its lending to countries "committed to and applying the principles of multiparty democracy". The bank's staff has been working out criteria for judging these credentials.

Certainly, it will be difficult to find a measure elastic enough to incorporate the Soviet Union. However, Moscow has a 6 per cent share in the bank and must be considered a potential lender. America, Japan and Britain were doubtful about Moscow's participation. The French and others, however, argued that excluding the Soviet Union was riskier than bringing it in.

The complexity of the bank's structure, with capital of more than $12 billion (£7 billion), means that this will be the first of many disputes. The European Community, plus the European Commission and the European Investment Bank, have a 51 per cent share in the bank, but they do not represent a monolithic bloc. America, with 10 per cent, is the largest single national shareholder, and Washington has started to use this muscle by seeking to harness M Attali.

The bank's double-barrelled political and economic charter gives the West a useful tool to craft the new Eastern Europe. For the developing economies east of the Oder, it is not before time.

The World Bank estimates that Eastern Europe faces a foreign exchange shortfall of $23 billion over the next three years. This is only a fraction of the region's real needs, if capital reserves are to be restructured and if privatisation is to go ahead.

Money is trickling in: PlanEcon Inc., the Washington-based forecasting unit, says that Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary will receive about $3.5 billion in fresh foreign investment by 1993, a pitifully small sum for the scale of reform envisaged.

The bank says it will direct 60 per cent of its resources to the private sector of Eastern Europe. This channelling will help to avoid the muddled policies of the 1970s, when loans were poured into the elephantine state sector of Eastern Europe.

Whether this works out remains to be seen. The first studies indicate a willingness to help private banks challenging state bank monpolies; to renew telephone systems; to computerise service industries; to introduce energy-saving equipment in factories. But it will take the imagination of a writer like M Attali to find other ways of bridging the poverty line that now replaces the Iron Curtain in the East-West divide.

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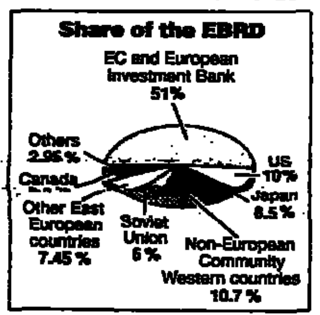

The prosperity gap in Europe
per 1000 of population

	Phones	Cars
West Europe		
France	614	389
Spain	381	252
west Germany	641	441
East Europe		
Hungary	152	153
Poland	122	74
USSR	124	50

Source: OECD statistics, PlanEcon Inc.

German pact to rescue the east

Berlin — Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and Hans-Jochen Vogel, the head of the opposition Social Democrats, met privately yesterday for the first time since German unification and agreed to increase co-operation to alleviate the economic misery in east Germany (Anne McElvoy writes).

The two sides are to set up working groups to review public administration, property rights and anti-unemployment measures.

Herr Vogel said: "There is agreement that the situation in eastern Germany is serious and that extraordinary measures are called for." But both sides said they had no intention of forming a grand coalition, despite rumours in Bonn that the Christian Democrats were considering such a measure, should social discontent in the east intensify within the year.

The SPD leader has been criticised by several members of his own party, including Oskar Lafontaine, the Saarland prime minister, for his willingness to help the Christian Democrats out of trouble.

Rome cabinet

Rome — Giulio Andreotti, the veteran Christian Democrat, presented his new cabinet, a coalition of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Republicans, Liberals and Social Democrats, to President Cossiga and is expected to be sworn in today as head of Italy's 50th government since the second world war.

Poll demand

Bucharest — Thousands of Romanians staged nationwide protests to demand early elections as the ruling National Salvation Front said it was considering a cabinet reshuffle which might give opposition parties a share of power. *(Reuter)*

Yugoslav vote

Belgrade — Yugoslavia's six divided republics have agreed to hold referendums on the country's future, but Slovenia is still threatening to secede. The presidents agreed to hold referendums before the end of May to ask their people if they want a single Yugoslav state or wish the republics to be independent states. *(Reuter)*

British called to tanker blaze

From ANDREW MCEWEN IN MILAN

BRITISH anti-pollution experts were called in yesterday as Italy faced an ecological disaster from oil belching from a blazing oil tanker off the coast near Genoa.

Four Italian transport unions staged a two-hour national strike to express sympathy for 139 people believed to have been burnt to death in a ferry disaster near Livorno.

A team of 13 operators with equipment was due to be flown out from Southampton on a Hercules transport plane after being summoned by the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation.

Flames continued to pour from the two halves of the Cypriot tanker Haven, blown apart by an explosion on Thursday. The sea around the floating wreck was on fire with a pall of black smoke rising thousands of feet into the air. But with an estimated 100,000 tons of oil still inside the Haven's tanks, the Ligurian coast faced a serious threat. Giorgio Ruffolo, the minister for the environment, gathered experts in Genoa to discuss how to contain it. The bodies of the captain and a sailor, both Greek, were recovered yesterday, while there is almost no hope of finding three others still missing.

A second tanker, the Agip Abruzzo, continued burning two miles outside Livorno after being rammed by the ferry Moby Prince on Wednesday night. Relatives of the victims were waiting to identify their remains, but with temperatures inside the vessel as high as 1,000°C only 14 bodies were recovered yesterday. Relatives became angry when officials stopped them moving close to the ship. President Cossiga met some yesterday to express his condolences. It now appears almost certain that human error caused the accident.

The number of crew missing and presumed dead on the Moby Prince was revised to 67 yesterday after the discovery that three crew, who were listed as being on duty, were not on board. A fourth member was found to be on holiday. The missing included seven women.

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Statues of Churchill and Kahlil Gibran will be Washington's latest unlikely neighbours, **Peter Stothard** writes

60 years ago this week, arrived in Boston from Lebanon when he was 12 and later lived and worked in New York. He is best known for *The Prophet*, his book of verse sermons, which has sold more than eight million copies since its publication in 1923 – most of them in the days when no student room was complete without a white-bound copy to set alongside a hookah and a *Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* album. A typical poster of the time read: "And the weaver said, Speak to us of Clothes and He answered: Your clothes conceal much of your beauty but yet they hide not the unbeautiful." *The Prophet* replaced the Bible at many a Sixties' marriage. Today it is more often seen clogging the shelves of second-hand bookshops – just about all that Gibran and Churchill have in common.

To his supporters Gibran is a modern master of Arab literature. To his detractors he is corny, sloppy, semi-erotic and tasteless – to use just a few of the adjectives hurled at him. In Washington, where literature is about as big an interest as badger-baiting, the quality of the cosmic elegist is immaterial. Anyone who can sell eight million books must be worth a few votes. Seven years ago Senator George Mitchell of Maine proposed that the government provide land for a memorial. "Gibran's dreams of human dignity and co-operation can be a source of inspiration to each of us," he said. Even though Washington lacks memorials to Melville, Faulkner and Walt Whitman, the American writer who in his lower moments comes closest to the Gibran style, a prime site was found beside the official home of the vice-president. Later this year the peace garden of engraved rocks and strictly pale flowers will open.

Gibranophiles hope that General Norman Schwarzkopf, who last month confessed to keeping *The Prophet* beside the Bible in his desert headquarters, will attend. If this year's war hero does not make the date, the hero of an earlier war will certainly be there. Churchill has no choice.

FOR HIM THE WAR WAS TERRIBLE

THE PEACE IS WORSE

For us in the West, the Gulf War is over. But for this child, and the people of the Gulf region, there is no end to the torment.

Millions, mainly Kurds, have been driven from their homes. Many face death from cold, starvation and disease as they attempt to escape to neighbouring countries like Iran and Turkey.

And it is not only the refugees who suffer. The war has left countless families without basic necessities. In Iraq 4½ million people don't even have clean water, so children are dying from diarrhoea.

The Red Cross has been in the Gulf region from the start of the crisis, providing medical aid and working to restore clean water supplies.

Now, as the crisis mounts, we are mobilising in a worldwide operation to save lives – including a massive airlift of food, medicines, tents and blankets for the refugees.

But we can only do it with your help. Right now, our urgent need is for money.

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Odds on God's fine tuning

Clifford Longley

It was Professor Stephen Hawking who first brought the anthropic principle to the attention of a wider public, in his bestseller *A Brief History of Time*. *Unfortunately he let it lead him* into the wonderland world of the square root of minus one, leaving the lay public baffled.

All that was left was the Cheshire Cat's smile, the vague perception that a first-rank scientist and mathematician, and an agnostic to boot, thinks a scientific discussion of the existence of God is still worthwhile (even if he takes it into multi-dimensional space-time where few can follow).

The anthropic principle is the most intriguing new scientific idea of the last decade. The patron saint of the modern world is Doubting Thomas, the disciple who (at just about this point after Easter) demanded proof. Modern Thomases have given up expecting an answer, however, and religious truths have become matters for suspicion rather than certainty. But what scientists have uncovered, and labelled the anthropic principle, is a massive piece of circumstantial evidence pointing to meaning and purpose in the universe.

But the theory does not fit into any slots, which is why it has failed to find the friends it deserves. An idea does not necessarily thrive because it is true, but more often because some vested interest finds it useful. The theologians burnt their fingers so badly over Galileo and Darwin that they have given up looking for scien*tific reasons for* believing in God, preferring instead to show why such reasons are unnecessary. The scientists stopped expecting to find God at the bottom of a *test tube long* ago, *and if they are* religious believers, seem to believe with a separate part of their brains. Philosophers have noted that the anthropic principle comes in a weak and a strong form, and prefer the former, safer "so what?" version.

Hawking: taking God into realms of science where few can follow

So nobody has dared to claim that by discovering the anthropic principle, scientists have proved God's existence — just in case somebody disproves the principle tomorrow. As a result, it has never captured the public imagination. What also counts against the principle is that scientists like to surround their versions of it with with such *flank-guarding qualifi*cations that it seems too complicated for non-scientists to grasp.

The principle is best approached from the perspective of what was thought to be the case before it appeared. Life, including human intelligence, was thought to have evolved from lower forms, ultimately from inorganic chemicals. It was generally accepted that, given more or less the right conditions, the evolution of conscious, thinking beings was probably inevitable. And the criteria for the right conditions were not thought to be critical: if they had been slightly different, evolution would have made the necessary adjustments and the forms of life would have been slightly different too. *In other words, with many* millions of shots over millions of years, hitting the target was odds-on. *And all this had nothing* much to do with the creation of the universe billions of years ago.

But as more facts became *known about the creation of the* universe, this odds-on assumption began to change. First it was settled that it must have been a very "big bang", long ago: "continuous creation" did not stand up. Then it became clear that this must have involved, in an extremely short space of time, a specific quantity and distribution of energy and matter. This determined the shape of the universe for the rest of its existence, from *such small details as the distribu*tion of elements to such large ones as its speed of expansion (a critical factor). Then it became clear that there was something so unlikely about the shape and composition the universe took on that the odds against were many billions of billions to one.

Finally, it was calculated that only this exact set of details — odds against of billions upon billions notwithstanding — would have produced and supported life, including intelligent life. Hence "anthropic", from the Greek word for human. From the first microseconds of creation, when the bang was at *its biggest*, the entire universe appears to have been fine-tuned so that somewhere, sometime, intelligent life would develop.

The precise values of the speed of light, Planck's Constant, the mass of protons compared with neutrons, the total quantity of hy*drogen and he*lium — all apparently unconnected conditions which have controlled every detail of the universe's development — seem to have been exactly programmed at or *just after* the first moment of time, and all to one end: humanity. Any deviation (and the odds on such deviations were tremendous) would have made the development of the universe as we know it, life included, impossible.

At this point the scientists ran for cover, the theologians looked embarrassed, and it was left to the philosophers to suggest that the anthropic principle was just a circular argument (the principle's weak version): if we did not exist we could not ask such questions.

It is the principle's strong version — evidence for design in the *universe, and a design which* presupposed the eventual emergence of man — that is electrifying. For if it is true, who did the designing and presupposing? Or should we say Who?

If in the course of an experiment a scientist produced a result against odds this large, he certainly would not dismiss it as an accident. He would look for a cause. Alternatively, a theory that had been proved to this degree of certainty would be regarded as settled. But to ask how did the universe "know" what it was doing, and "who" told it, takes the scientific imagination right off the scale. Such questions — who dunnit? or even Who? — are not scientifically examinable. But the pre-Copernican, man-centred *view of the world* suddenly begins to look respectable again.

George Brock sets the scene for today's political match-making summit in Brussels

Tory outsiders who want to belon

Sitting in the vast and soulless amphitheatre that houses the European Parliament in Strasbourg is a forlorn splinter group. The grandly titled European Democratic Group contains 32 British Tories, with just two Danish conservatives for company. Separated from the Tories only by a thin *sliver of French* liberals sits the massive Christian Democratic bloc led by a plump and genial German, Egon Klepsch.

Herr Klepsch is not one of nature's sparkling orators, nor an intellectual giant, but he is a power to be reckoned with at Strasbourg, where *big* is beautiful. Tiny grouplets carry little clout. The Tories, under the command of their earnest leader, Sir Chris*topher Prout*, have been *making* eyes at Herr Klepsch and asking if they can join his bloc.

Mr Major has gone to their aid, not only by saying that Britain wants to be in the heart of Europe but also by pointing to the affinities between Christian Democracy and Conservatism.

Today, Chancellor Kohl of Germany — who wants the Tories admitted — joins his five fellow Christian Democrat heads of government — from Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Greece — *at a meeting in Brussels* to discuss the issue. A compromise is probable. "Fudge is being cooked," said one negotiator, "and you know what an attractive smell that can be."

Vague dreams for associating British Conservatism and continental Christian Democracy have been current in both parties since the 1950s, but differences always outweighed common denominators. Then Mrs Thatcher's *uncompromising* assertion of economic liberalism ended the speculation while she was in power. But even if the political obstacles to a rapprochement are being demolished, the philosophical gulf between the parties is enormous.

Europe's Christian Democratic ideas were born in the turbulent social changes of the last decades of the 19th century, when the Roman Catholic church had to find a reply to the popular liberals and their promotion of secular democracy and *laissez-faire* economics. Catholic brands of conservatism and socialism emerged, but both stalled.

In 1919, Luigi Sturzo, a Catholic priest, founded the first Christian Democratic party. It advocated social reform — then a daringly progressive line for an avowedly religious party — but was independent of the church and opposed to socialism and class conflict. Sturzo was driven from Italy by the Fascists and set up shop in Paris. He worked with three young men who played major parts in the creation of the European Community and are now the holy trinity of Christian Democracy: Alcide de Gasperi, Robert Schumann and Konrad Adenauer.

The second world war shattered political classes all over Europe and created an opportunity for the infant Christian Democratic parties, which were untainted by association with either Nazism or communism. Christian Democratic parties were soon dominating the centre of the political spectrum in Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Belgium, where they remain today. From the start they were linked by intricate transnational networks and a fervent wish to unite Europe. Their affiliated parties today are generally in favour of the free market, but temper this with varying degrees of state welfare for the weakest and poorest.

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As the Kremlin considers action to stem a rising tide of pornography, Peter Millar reports on the libertarian revolution accompanying Gorbachev's political reforms

Going blue where all was red

I *still* remember the *frisson*, the muffled undercurrent of excitement amid the smell of wet dog that is the essence of Soviet cinema cloakrooms in winter. It was dark outside, and cold. Inside, it was hot, even steamy.

The cinema, in a Moscow suburb, was packed with an enthusiastic audience waiting for the local première of poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko's first film. It is called *Kindergarten*, and is a drama of childhood under the spectre of Stalin and the threat of Hitler. But the audience was there for the sex.

Specifically, they had come to see the scene — stolidly discussed by the party papers in terms of artistic acceptability in the new liberal regime and salivated over in bars — in which the blonde bandit girl rolls naked in the snow after a Siberian sauna.

That was almost all there was to it (although rumours were circulating about *the actress and the* author). But this was 1985, in the infancy of the Gorbachev revolution, and in the minds of the Russian public, nudity was still equated with eroticism, and eroticism meant pornography, and that was against the law, so it had to be good.

Things have come a long way since then. *In 1985*, one *still* risked a labour-camp sentence for denouncing Stalin, let alone Gorbachev, on street corners. Proposing a non-communist mayor of Moscow, a multi-party system and secession by the Baltic republics would have been tantamount to treason. But it has all come to pass, and more.

Above all, the Moscow street kiosks now sell the sort of girlie magazine that we in the West routinely see stacked on the upper shelves of station bookstores. One is called *Venus*, and is about as offensive — or inoffensive, depending on your point of view — as *Mayfair*. It might get a better press from the feminist lobby, for it contains informative articles on venereal disease and even a section that might be described as "How to go about it". For in the old Soviet Union some things, ranging from emigration to sex education, were best simply not talked about. For young Muscovites, first sexual encounters as often as not took the form of furtive, experimental gropes in the open-air swimming pool, where, in winter, the clouds of steam rising from the heated water into the frosty air provided a veil of privacy, even anonymity.

Now, as a Soviet Noel Coward might say, anything goes. On the night train to Vilnius, the biggest queue is not for the last bottle of beer from the buffet car (it rarely has any) but for the last seat in the *cinema carriage where films* are shown that make *Kindergarten* look like what it was supposed to be: a historical epic. Blue movies are up and running all over Moscow, aided and abetted by a belated video revolution. There is wit, too, albeit black humour. I recently bought a badge from a street vendor showing a shapely woman pulling her blouse over her head, with the motto "Government health warning".

Forbidden fruit no longer: a Muscovite contemplates the wares of a kiosk specialising in girlie magazines

Needless to say, there are men in the Kremlin who are not too happy about all this. Nikolai Gubenko, a former actor who is now minister of culture, has been entrusted with devising and implementing a set of laws to control a growing pornography industry. He has suggested a film and video classification system, restrictions on the sale of pornography and more rigorous searches at airports and border crossings. *But it is a politically* unenviable task. In most people's minds, sexual liberalism is intrinsically linked with political liberalism. Curbs on soft pornography would be perceived as a clampdown on liberal thought, as witness Mr Gubenko's expressed concern over definitions: would a ban on sadism *mean censoring Dostoevsky*? Furthermore, he says, "If you start arresting people, you just drive pornography back underground".

These are valid points. Even thinking about them is an advance *in Soviet society*. Dictatorships are notoriously frightened of sexual liberation: the common herd understands sex as a basic lust, a means to procreation. Dictatorships can cope with that — indeed, they need it to ensure a continuing supply of subjects — but eroticism is a product of the intellect, and *intellectuals threaten autocracy* by refusing automatic acceptance of an imposed set of values.

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MATTHEW PARRIS

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? The question has been asked a million times, in enquiry or in irony, but most recently by Mr M.M. Moore, of Haverhill, Suffolk. Mr Moore took his query to the *Daily Mirror*'s Lively Letters column. The answer? The egg.

"Oxford scientist Richard Dawkins, in *The Selfish Gene*, suggests that some genes... are better at reproducing themselves," said the reply. In other words, a plot has been hatched by eggs. They have invented hens. "Hens... are only a kind of living machine designed to produce more eggs."

It is hard to imagine a conclusion of greater importance. That it should be found on page 22 of the *Daily Mirror*, while the quality newspapers are entirely occupied by speculation about the poll tax, shows how far we have lost our sense of intellectual proportion in Britain. For does this discovery not prompt us to rethink a thousand careless assumptions about the "purpose" of things.

Take television. Little reflection is needed to see that advertisements are the primary product and by far the most *interesting items* to watch. But a diet of ads alone would be too rich, so, to allow viewers to relax and slip into the kitchen to make a cup of coffee, "programmes" are inserted between commercials. Their function is secondary, but important: to link the ads.

Or take next month's local elections. *Perhaps* you suppose that the purpose of elections is to produce administrations. Wrong. It's the other way round. Governments and councils are the complex but unexciting life-forms that nature has interposed between election and election, designed to renew the electoral cycle but in other respects to disappoint.

Disappointment is part of the cycle. There would be no point *in simply re-electing a successful* government every four or five years. Kicking 'em out (or trying to) is the whole idea. That an election produces an administration which ultimately fails is what justifies the following election, and all the fun. So, like retaining the Ashes, being prime *minister (or the controlling* group on the Derbyshire Dales district council) is symbolic: solely for display until the next contest. The Ashes themselves are not worth having.

An election, by contrast, is part of Creation's purpose and beautifully fitted to it. Elections are glamorous. Elections conform to clear laws. Participants find fulfilment in their roles, and the world enjoys the spectacle. And *each election contains the* seeds of the next election, buried in the colourless intermediary of an "administration" that will be found wanting.

Shopping is similar. To imagine that the act of purchase is only a preliminary is to misunderstand human nature. The act of purchase is the main event. Possession and use of the product, once taken home and unwrapped, is secondary: just a grey *period* acting as a *buffer* zone between bouts of raw shopping. We are born to shop. I shop therefore I am.

And surely Dawkins prompts a new perspective on dragonfly larvae. The very name "larva" suggests an incomplete first stage. As children we were indoctrinated with this dragonfly-centred view of the life cycle of the species. To humans, the thought of being a dragonfly is appealing, so we have portrayed the larva as a regrettable preliminary before that heady crawl up the bullrush, followed by metamorphosis and flight, when the fun is supposed to start.

But what makes you think it's no fun to be a larva? To a larva, the bottom of the pond is heaven: *a dark green paradise where you* are never too hot, never cold, and delicious morsels swirl by in the current. Mud is rich, snug, luxurious, and you are very beautiful to other larvae.

The contentment is spoilt by one thing only: the knowledge that one sad day duty will call you to claw your way up from this cool world of greens and browns and soft filtered light into the harsh air of an upper *Hades. There you must mutate* into a fearsome giant, elongated fly with lurid colours, and buzz around in blind, frenzied panic, trying to avoid the beaks of birds...

...Until it is time to feel the water caress your undercarriage as you dip down and release the thing for which this cruel episode has equipped you: the tiny speck, falling through the bubbles to the safety of the clay, to hatch into *the glory for which God made* your kind: a dragonfly larva.

Trail-blazing for London

The Royal Institute of British *Architects has stepped in to* help London in its bid to host the Olympic games in the year 2000. Although it will not be asking members to don their tracksuits, the institute has offered to field architects of gold-medal calibre, such as the ubiquitous Richard Rogers, James Stirling and Norman Foster, as part of a "creative design board" to ensure that the capital's sporting facilities are up to the mark.

The involvement of the in*stitute is in response to an appeal* from Sebastian Coe, president of the group organising London's bid. Bill Rodgers, Riba's director general, has proposed that the board oversee plans for an athletics stadium, an Olympic village for 15,000 people, and rowing, cycling and swimming facilities, *many of them in London's dock*lands. For some, it proposes that Riba holds architectural design competitions.

Coe's group hopes that Riba's involvement will trump Manchester's bid when the British Olympic Association decides at the end of the month which of the two cities to nominate. But the institute, determined to be even-handed, has also offered to help Manchester with its proposals. *Manchester, however, seems un*likely to take up the offer.

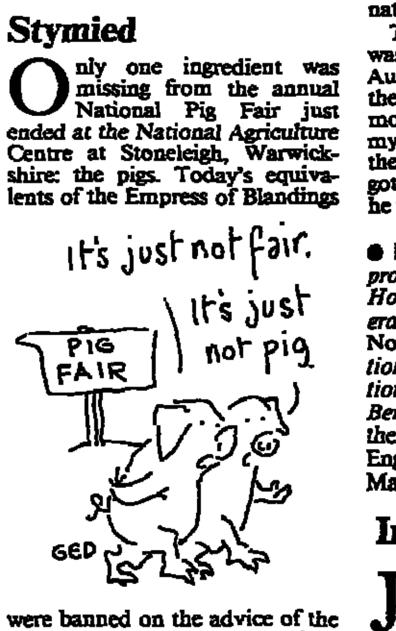
"The Olympics could be the perfect vehicle for regenerating London's city centre," says Chris Palmer at Riba. "Just look at the effect that staging the Olympics next year has had on Barcelona's architectural heritage."

Whether such cultural considerations can increase Britain's medal tally remains to be seen; but if London's bid is successful, *losing British athletes* will *at least* have the consolation of playing the game in style.

THE TIMES DIARY

Stymied

Only one ingredient was missing from the annual National Pig Fair just ended *at the National Agriculture* Centre at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire: the pigs. Today's equivalents of the Empress of Blandings were banned on the advice of the agriculture ministry because of the outbreak of blue ear disease.



"We did have photographs," says a spokesman bravely, "and there was *lots of* agricultural machinery to look at." Many visitors were disappointed, he concedes. But not the cleaners.

ABC seeks A to Z

Only a couple of weeks into the job and the new Archbishop of Canterbury has already strayed — though not, one hastens to add, from the path of righteousness. This week Dr Carey was *in* Canterbury to film a special edition of *Songs of Praise* for the BBC when he got lost. He asked a policeman to direct him to the Old Palace close, and was told the gates are closed to all but the archbishop. Dr Carey patiently explained that he *is* the archbishop. The producer of *Songs of Praise*, Chris Mann, saw the scene unfold: "I was worried that the policeman was going to say 'Oh yes, and I'm the Pope'. Fortunately he didn't."

The following day the BBC unit was filming in the ruins of St Augustine's, which is not far from the cathedral. "We had set up this moody night shoot, and I got on my portable telephone to send for the archbishop," says Mann. "He got lost on the way. But I am sure he will soon find his way around."

● *With the continuing budget problems at both the Royal Opera House and English National Opera, the monthly magazine* Opera Now *comes up with some suggestions for new, low-budget productions next season. What price Benjamin Britten's* The Turn of the Widget *or Mozart's* The Engagement of Figaro *and* The Magic Piccolo?

In at number 10

John Major has particular reason to greet the arrival of the first-class cricket season which opens today (the earliest start since 1903). He is about to join the ranks of the MCC, after leapfrogging almost 9,000 on the club's 20-year waiting list.

At a meeting to be held on April 24, the MCC committee is expected to approve a proposal that Major, who was put up for membership a mere 18 months ago, be elected under a procedure allowing for distinguished people to be admitted out of turn in exceptional circumstances.

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general election. Last week's Tory campaign press conference was only saved from fiasco by Labour bungling the Dutch auction on local taxation. By delaying its plans for poll tax abolition, the cabinet has left the topic on the agenda for the campaign. One-time advocates of a June general election — including Mr Major himself — most wanted a clear indicator of post-poll tax public opinion. They will not get it.

Mr Major had a problem on his hands as Michael Heseltine's chaotic "review of options" for local finance trailed on into the spring. But the reason for that delay was that Mr Major could not bring himself to face his backbenchers on abolition. He could not tell Mr Heseltine, as he should have done, that the tax had to go unequivocally and that only the valuation basis for a restored property tax was left for debate.

The poll tax will evaporate soon as a contentious issue. The same will not be true of Mr Major's other electoral bugbear, the economy. Yesterday's good news on inflation is read by the government as proof that its stern line is "working because it's hurting", one of the more callous catchphrases of those well-padded in the public sector. Others will conclude that the efforts of ingénue Mr Major and his Chancellor to appear tough in the financial markets over the winter have unnecessarily delayed economic recovery, and severely harmed the Tory party's chances in any early election.

None of this has been easy. For Mr Major, elevated to office unaided by experience outside Fortress Treasury, it has been extremely hard. He has shown himself sensitive to criticism and over-conscious of his image. But time in the job will thicken his hide and sharpen his leadership. He knows he must kill the poll tax and revive the economy. But both tasks are within his grasp. He remains a remarkable find for his party; he has earned public confidence.

ER'S ROUNDS FOR PEACE

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The aftermath of wars is often the time for intransigent parties to be coaxed into negotiation and for new orders to be constructed. In the Arab-Israeli case, Mr Baker must win credit for the success of his efforts to round up the participants for a peace conference. But he still has a long way to go.

Suppose a conference is agreed upon by all parties. Which Palestinians will be there? What will be the agenda? Israel will not sit round a table with members of the PLO leadership from Tunis. But it might be prepared not to look too closely at the PLO affiliations of Palestinians from the occupied territories, particularly if they attend the conference as part of a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation under the leadership of King Husain.

As for the agenda, Israel will doubtless insist on the first day that it is not interested in a straight barter of land for peace. The Palestinian delegation will presumably want to discuss nothing else. Mr Baker will have to handcuff the delegates to their desks to prevent an instant walk-out. But such apparent intransigence is only to be expected. Israel will not accept Palestinian intentions as pacific as long as Israel's Arab neighbours are still *hostile*; these Arab nations will remain hostile as long as the Palestinians remain without a country. Only at a conference of all parties, with both internal and external factors addressed simultaneously, can this dilemma be resolved. Buyers and sellers in a Middle Eastern souk never name their final price in advance. In this case, a sale may not be made, but failure will not be for want of trying and the moment is well-judged.

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The best justification for charging admission to certain cathedrals is environmental. All famous churches which lie on the tourist route need to ration the numbers tramping through their buildings, if wear and tear on the fabric are not to exceed all bounds. The best way to do this is by charging. St George's Chapel, Windsor, has a charge and King's College, Cambridge, plans to have one. Westminster Abbey charges visitors to parts of its fabric, such as Poets' Corner. Even the Vatican charges for the Sistine Chapel.

The necessity of these fees, merely to limit numbers, is self-evident. But most cathedral clergy have been squeamish about following the lead of other institutions. A cathedral is more than a consecrated museum; but, like any museum, it must find the right balance between public accessibility, viability and conservation. Cathedral charges should be flexible, to allow for the different functions of the building. While prayer should be free, visitors whose primary purpose is not devotional but aesthetic, antiquarian or just idle curiosity, ought to pay voluntarily for their pleasure. If they fail to give in sufficient numbers, compulsion is perfectly justified.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Educational role of London's zoo

From Professor K. Vickerman, FRS

Sir, I hope that in the debate on whether London Zoo deserves a further injection of public money the serious educational role of this unique institution will not be underestimated.

To many professional biologists and to most naturalists the initial appeal of the study of living things lies in their staggering diversity. This diversity used to be illustrated to great effect in the Natural History Museum before the trustees took a liking to plastic models instead of the real thing; it is still evident in London Zoo — but for how much longer? I must be one of countless biologists who spent the weekends of their youth gazing in wonder at the exhibits in these two institutions.

The disappearance of the zoo and the demise of the Natural History Museum as a haunt for the in-depth naturalist will leave a deplorable vacuum. Whipsnade and the safari parks are fine for the rich and mobile, but are not readily accessible to the urban young; nor do they provide the opportunity for close-quarter examination that the zoo affords. The two-dimensional TV screen is an equally inadequate substitute.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH VICKERMAN,
16 Mirrlees Drive, Glasgow 12.
April 10.

From Dr Geoffrey Vevers, FLS

Sir, I was brought up in the London Zoo and three generations of my family have been intimately involved in the welfare of the Zoological Society of London.

The society exists for research and to show animals, and the research aspect is allied to several institutes and to the University of London. The society still has the finest zoological library in the world and its preservation is probably a separate matter from that of the collections and staff.

Most people feel that keeping large animals in small cages is no longer acceptable: that is why my grandfather, Dr Geoffrey Vevers, bought land in 1928 which is now Whipsnade Zoo, part of the ZSL, and where the large carnivores and ungulates are best seen.

Where in this country but the London Zoo can we see the variety of species or a nocturnal house of the calibre of Desmond Morris's Clore pavilion? The collection and the experience of caring for it is a priceless heritage which must not be lost.

The public has demonstrated its affection for the London Zoo by visiting it in hundreds of thousands annually; unfortunately this is not enough. The cost of keeping the greatest variety of animals in captivity in the world is beyond the resources of an organisation the size of the ZSL.

The society's charitable status might help it to attract financial support, as do the successful zoos in the USA. Mr Heseltine will know all this as he has served on the ZSL's council.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY VEVERS,
(London Zoo resident 1958-67),
Yarkhill, Upper Bucklebury,
Nr Reading, Berkshire.
April 10.

A free rein for some animal spirits

From Mr Peter H. May

Sir, Just what sort of ants are they keeping at the London Zoo? According to your report (April 8) an elephant costs £6,000 per year to feed, an ant £15, and this would seem to imply, in calorific terms, an equivalence between 400 ants and one elephant.

I suspect that it is possible to pack 400 ants into a matchbox, and although most politicians would be willing to vote £6,000 for an elephant, which is something of a vote-catcher, particularly when laden with children, I am not surprised that they draw the line at a matchbox-full of ants.

Are these ants pampered? Do they have tiny saucers full of Château Margaux? Unlimited truffles? Pâté de foie gras? I do feel, Sir, that some high zoological officer should explain precisely what, entomologically speaking, is going on at Regent's Park. An annual loss of £4.9 million is not surprising if they are having to fork out 15 quid for every ant on the premises.

Yours faithfully,
PETER H. MAY,
43 Freston, Paston,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

From Mr Gareth Mainwaring

Sir, Your leader of April 8, "Zoo conservation", informs us that "the prime minister's official residence is less than a mile from the homes of four Sumatran tigers, two hairy armadillos and five Russell's vipers . . .".

Although the hairy armadillos should not be of great concern, perhaps the public should be informed of the whereabouts of the five vipers and four tigers. According to my map, Downing Street is well over two miles from London Zoo.

Yours faithfully,
GARETH MAINWARING,
62 Highview, Byron Way,
Northolt, Middlesex.

From Mr John B. Harris

Sir, Why do they not let people feed the animals at the zoo? This was the whole point of going there when I was young, and it might well solve some of their problems by doubling the attendance and halving the occupants.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN B. HARRIS,
31 Princedale Road,
Holland Park, W11.

From Mr Jeff Goldberg

Sir, London Zoo to become a plc (letters, April 10)? Will the lame ducks go to the wall, or is the whole idea another white elephant? In any event the idea is not original: wasn't Noah's Ark the first zoo to be floated?

Yours sincerely,
JEFF GOLDBERG,
60 South Park Terrace,
Ilford, Essex.
April 10.

Albanian elections

From Mr Steven Norris, MP for Epping Forest (Conservative)

Sir, As leader of the Inter-Parliamentary Union delegation to supervise the Albanian elections (report, April 1) I can confirm that the actual voting process on the day was extraordinarily well organised and wherever we travelled appeared to be fair. But nearly half a century of propaganda and intimidation, the ruthless control of the media and transport right up to the election day, combined with the exclusive privilege of drawing up the arrangements for the electoral process, simply had to guarantee the communists an advantage that could never be described as fair.

The actions of the Tirana government since the elections, however, are even more worrying. Refusal to disclose actual voting figures and detail on the composition of seats is inexcusable; there has been no recognition even of the seriousness of the oppositions' complaints, let alone their veracity; and there are still reports, despite recent releases, of political prisoners held at a number of locations.

President Alia told me personally of his enthusiasm for diplomatic relations with Britain and for closer ties with the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and the EC. I told him then that much would depend on the fairness of the election process. By my reckoning, Albania still has a long way to go before she can be welcomed into the company of the free nations of Europe again.

Yours faithfully,
STEVEN NORRIS,
House of Commons.

Backing the owners

From Mrs Jennie Justice

Sir, As a registered racehorse-owner who is neither rich nor rapacious, I take great exception to David Lipsey's article ("Back Honest Joe, not the owners", April 6). What he fails to appreciate is that whilst there are a few *very* rich owners there are also a large number of people like myself who either own a share of one horse or are members of syndicates owning a tiny percentage of several.

On the whole we are not rich and have to work hard in order to pay the training fees, travelling expenses, jockey fees etc. We are not expecting the bookmaker to generally fund these expenses, which continue throughout the year, but what we are asking is that if we are lucky enough to win a race (and only one in 25 horses in training do) or to be placed, we receive a reasonable reward.

This is the case in other countries; in Hong Kong, for example, you have only to win a modest contest and be placed in another and you have just about paid all your expenses for the year.

If the small owners and part-owners are going to stay in the sport we need the incentive of a reasonable return when a horse wins. Without it there will be fewer of us and racing will become less competitive; which is not good news either for the punter or the bookmaker.

Yours faithfully,
JENNIE JUSTICE,
62 Harwood Road, SW6.

Rape within marriage

From Mrs C. A. G. Walshe

Sir, Canon G. B. Bentley (April 3) appears to be labouring under a fundamental misapprehension. Allow me to correct him. "Coition" within marriage, as he terms it, is a gift freely given between spouses. It is not, and never will be, a "right". Therefore, to state that

> to designate a husband who has used force on his wife a rapist is to deny that he had any right to coition with her . . . makes nonsense of marriage

is to suggest that marriage compels a woman to submit physically to her husband as her "duty" and, incidentally, his "right".

In this day and age civil marriage is treated as a partnership and not as a contract where sex is exchanged for money. It does not affect the status of the individual. Indeed, if it gave a husband physical rights over his wife it would be little better than prostitution. How damaging, then, to see a member of the Church of England not only out of touch where civil marriage is concerned but by implication expressing a view of holy matrimony which goes directly against the spirit of Christ's teachings.

Yours faithfully,
CLARE WALSHE,
3 Mount Pleasant,
Bisley, Gloucestershire.

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Strains of music at Canterbury

From Mr Ian Royle

Sir, The new Archbishop of Canterbury and his followers apparently believe that guitars and tambourines are the way forward for the Church ("Why the church is wary of Carey", April 8). If so, they are sadly mistaken.

As one who has sung in church choirs for the past 18 years, since the age of 8, I am convinced that our generation who now sing in choirs do not want these new "songs" as part of the service. What is wrong with *Hymns, Ancient and Modern*?

I can hardly imagine "Jesus loves you", sung and performed on guitars and synthesisers, raising the roof in Canterbury Cathedral. The already large split in the Church will just gain momentum and lead to its eventual disintegration.

Yours sincerely,
IAN ROYLE,
3 Appleton Court,
Broomville Avenue, Sale, Cheshire.
April 8.

From the Reverend John H. Barter

Sir, The Church of Jesus Christ was not founded in order to preserve a medieval western culture, ancient buildings or classical music. Jesus founded his Church to continue his message and ministry. We are called and commissioned to preach the Gospel and to heal the sick, to preach the news of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ for all who are perishing.

The hallmark of an Anglican, Roman Catholic or Baptist charismatic is not that he or she may clap or dance in the aisles, but their total commitment to Jesus Christ. The fact that the charismatic churches are growing while many traditional churches are declining has nothing to do with the type of music used, but has everything to do with the devotion, obedience and commitment of the members.

The exuberant expression in worship is the outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace of the in-dwelling Holy Spirit. I for one rejoice in God's gift to us of Archbishop Carey.

Yours,
JOHN H. BARTER,
Holy Trinity Vicarage,
66 Lampton Road,
Hounslow, Middlesex.

From Mr M. J. Egan

Sir, Perhaps the saddest aspect of the altercation over Dr Carey's choice of music for his enthronement celebration is that Church music is presented as an either/or decision.

The quality of worship in many Anglican churches can be desperate. Whether this is because a local organist and choir insist on attempting to present cathedral-style music or due to the fact that dancing and hand-clapping are used as an excuse for genuine sincerity and reverence, the result is the same.

Quality is not the sole property of tradition, neither is more contemporary worship the only way to touch modern lives. The protagonists who attempt to suggest that this is so cause one to wonder if the purpose of their music is truly to worship God or to serve themselves.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. EGAN,
399 St Helen's Road,
Leigh, Lancashire.
April 8.

From Mr Nicholas C. Bealer

Sir, As a lay person perhaps I don't always understand thorny theological arguments or the intricacies of Anglican churchmanship. However, I was surprised by Mr Longley's assertion that the message of the Evangelicals' hymns is "Jesus loves you". Hopefully, this is central to the message of *all* churches and of the Church down the centuries. If not, Lord help us.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS C. BEALER,
1 Samantha Mews,
Havering-atte-Bower, Essex.
April 8.

From Mr C. L. Page

Sir, The way in which Church music looks like going under Dr Carey, one wonders how long it will be before the Willis and other organs in our great cathedrals are replaced by Mighty Wurlitzers — perhaps with console and organist, as in the cinemas of old, symbolically rising up from the floor.

Yours faithfully,
LESLIE PAGE,
95 Fountain Gardens,
Osborne Road, Windsor, Berkshire.
April 9.

Hadrian's Wall

From Councillor K. L. P. Flaherty

Sir, In response to Henry Cleere's letter (April 11) let me reassure him and other readers that there is no threat to Hadrian's Wall as a result of my sub-committee's decision, under delegated powers, to allow test drilling.

Before we reached our decision we consulted the county archaeological officer, who reported that no archaeological remains exist at this site, which is some 400 metres south of the wall.

In considering the application we were advised that guidelines issued by the Department of the Environment, entitled "Planning control over oil and gas operations", encourage

> full exploration of mineral resources, including hydrocarbons.

The guidance also states that

> each application should be considered on its merits and should not be influenced by hypothetical future development

and

> it is only exceptionally and then for relatively small and sensitive areas that circumstances would justify a presumption against exploration.

As the site is well screened by woodland and is away from centres of population and work will cause little environmental and no archaeological damage and would only last 53 days, the sub-committee felt there were no sound planning reasons for refusal.

In the real world of planning consideration we have to ensure, where possible, that our decisions are not concerned with emotional or political issues but based on fact and reality. The reality is that if we had refused this application the council would almost certainly lose any resulting appeal and, of course, have to bear the consequential heavy financial costs.

The sub-committee did agree that any long-term development of this nature in this location would be wholly inappropriate. But that was not the issue.

Yours faithfully,
KEVIN FLAHERTY (Chairman,
Northumberland County Council
Planning Sub-Committee),
County Hall,
Morpeth, Northumberland.

Greene and Vanunu

From Mr Meir Vanunu

Sir, Your obituary of Graham Greene (April 4) rightly emphasises the great writer's dedication to just causes. I shall always remain grateful for the support he gave to my brother, Mordechai Vanunu.

In 1987, soon after Mordechai was abducted from Italy by Israeli agents, very few bothered or dared to protest against this violation of international law. However, a letter in *The Times* (July 14, 1987), signed by Graham Greene and others, proved to be of great moral significance and encouragement. In September 1988 he referred to the kidnapping and trial as "a disgrace to the government of Israel".

Greene saw through the moral and political implications of Mordechai's exposé of Israel's nuclear arsenal. His death is a great loss to the cause of justice

Yours sincerely,
MEIR VANUNU,
4 Plympton Avenue, NW6.
April 8.

Spitfire inventor's due

From Mr John G. U. Clark

Sir, Mr Herzka (April 8) rightly draws attention to the debt owed by the nation to the late R. J. Mitchell. The Southampton Hall of Aviation, a privately-run museum and charity, houses a Mk 24 Spitfire, an S6 seaplane and a life-size bronze statue of R. J. Mitchell unveiled on September 26 1990 by the Duke of Gloucester in the presence of Mitchell's son, Dr Gordon Mitchell, his family, and other distinguished guests, many of whom worked for Supermarine and/or flew Spitfires.

The museum is raising funds for the official memorial to A. V. Roe and his chief designer, Roy Chadwick, designer of the Lancaster bomber, who also lived and worked in Southampton.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN G. U. CLARK (Secretary
and Treasurer),
R. J. Mitchell Memorial
Museum Limited,
Albert Road South,
Southampton, Hampshire.

From Mr S. Palmer

Sir, R. J. Mitchell was commemorated by a Spitfire propellor and plaque at my old school, Hanley High School, Stoke-on-Trent, of which Mitchell was an old boy.

Yours faithfully,
SYD PALMER,
The Old Barn, Dovercourt,
Porlock, Somerset.

From Dr M. E. Eshelby

Sir, One of the halls of residence at the Cranfield Institute of Technology is named after R. J. Mitchell and his portrait hangs in the main dining room, together with pictures of the Spitfire.

Many of the residents of Mitchell Hall are studying aeronautical engineering at the College of Aeronautics within the institute.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN E. ESHELBY,
Cranfield Institute of Technology,
College of Aeronautics,
Cranfield, Bedfordshire.
April 10.

From Miss K. J. Lawrence

Sir, As a former pupil of the Reginald J. Mitchell school in Butt Lane, Newcastle-under-Lyme, may I inform Mr Herzka that there are other memorials — the Mitchell gallery in the City Museum and Art Gallery and the Reginald Mitchell Memorial Theatre, Hanley.

Yours faithfully,
K. J. LAWRENCE,
75 Fifth Avenue, Kidsgrove,
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.
April 9.

From Mr P. A. Pennant-Rea

Sir, By all means let Mitchell's memory be honoured, but let the late Sir Sydney Camm, designer of the Hurricane, take pride of place. He continued his unique career with the Typhoon, Tempest, Hunter and the P.1127, forerunner of the Harrier.

Yours truly,
P. A. PENNANT-REA,
Laurel Tree Cottage, Guiting Power,
Nr Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

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COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 12: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this morning took the Salute at the Sovereign's Parade and presented new Colours to the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr John Henderson) and the Commandant (Major-General T. P. Toyne Sewell).

Subsequently, Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, was received on the Parade Ground with a Royal Salute.

After the presentation, The Queen was graciously pleased to address the Parade and presented Swords of Honour to Senior Under Officer P. R. Handley-Greaves and 2nd Lieutenant (SUO) H. A. B. Holt, The Queen's Medal to Cadet Sergeant R. K. Orr, the Sash of Honour to Senior Under Officer L. E. Callow, and the Overseas Cane to Cadet Sergeant T. H. Lim.

Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, later honoured the Commandant with her presence at luncheon and afterwards met Service personnel and their families who have served in the Gulf.

The Countess of Airlie, Sir Kenneth Scott, Mr Charles Anson, Major-General Brian Pennicott and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Lyneham, this evening attended a reception and dinner at Royal Air Force Lyneham and was received by Group Captain I. S. Corbitt, RAF (Station Commander).

Mrs Timothy Holderness Roddam was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 12: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a *Banquet and Ball given by the* Mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead at the Castle Hotel, Windsor.

Her Royal Highness was received by Mr Lewis Moss (Deputy Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire).

The Hon Mrs Wills and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 12: The Duke of Kent, President of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, this evening attended the 36th Royal Air Force Anniversary Concert at the Royal Festival Hall, London SE1.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Lord Broxbourne, QC, 81; Air Vice-Marshal Sir Bernard Chacksfield, 78; Mr Frank Chamberlain, chairman, Test and County Cricket Board, 66; the Hon Alan Clark, MP, 63; the Right Rev R.N. Coote, former Bishop of Colchester, 76; Mr Liam Cosgrave, former leader, Fine Gael Party, 71; Mr Beverley Cross, playwright, 60; Mr Peter Davison, actor, 40; Professor Gordon Donaldson, Historiographer to the Queen in Scotland, 78; Mr Edward Fox, actor, 54; Mr Justice Harman, 61; Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Hayr, 56.

Mr Seamus Heaney, poet, 52; Lord James of Rusholme, 82; Mr Gary Kasparov, chess player, 28; Mr Howard Keel, singer and actor, 72; Canon J.N.D. Kelly, former principal, St Edmund Hall, Oxford, 82; the Duke of Marlborough, 65; Mr Jonjo O'Neill, racehorse trainer, 39; Miss Margaret Price, opera singer, 50; Sir Stephen Roberts, former chairman, Milk Marketing Board, 76; Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza, industrialist, 70; Lord Wedderburn of Charlton, QC, 64; Lieutenant-General Sir James Wilson, 70.

TOMORROW: The Earl of Chichester, 47; Miss Julie Christie, actress, 51; Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton, 60; Earl Fortescue, 69; Sir John Gielgud, CH, actor, 87; Mr Gerry Gillman, trades unionist, 64; Mr Ivor Guest, ballet writer, 71; Lord Hastings, 79; the Right Rev Dr David Hope, Bishop-designate of London, 51; Mr Julian Lloyd Webber, cellist, 40.

Miss L.E.M. Mackie, former headmistress, City of London School for Girls, 65; Colonel Sir Robert Macrae, former Lord Lieutenant of Orkney, 76; Baroness Masham of Ilton, 56; Mr P.G.A. Ramsay, former controller, BBC Scotland, 65; Dr J.M. Roberts, warden, Merton College, Oxford, 63; the Ven R.H. Roberts, former Chaplain of the Fleet, 60; Mr David Skipper, headmaster, Merchant Taylors' School, 60; Mr Rod Steiger, actor, 66; Miss Elizabeth Symons, trades unionist, 40; Sir Peter Thompson, former executive-chairman, National Freight Consortium, 63; Mr George Walker, chief executive, Brent Walker Group, 62; Baroness Warnock, 67.

Tomorrow's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the *Malcolm Sargent Cancer* Fund for Children, will attend the Malcolm Sargent birthday concert at the Albert Hall at 7.20.

The Princess Royal, as a Past Master of the Farriers' Company, will attend a conference for Scottish Approved Training Farriers at the Scottish Farriery Training Centre, Easter Bush, Roslin, Edinburgh, at 4.00.

Service dinners

Intelligence Corps
The Hon Archie Hamilton, MP, Minister of State Armed Forces, was the guest of honour at the 30th *annual dinner of the* Intelligence Corps Officers' Dinner Club held at Templer Barracks, Ashford, Kent, last night. Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Guthrie, Colonel Commandant, presided and other guests included:

Alderman Sir Hugh Bidwell, former Lord Mayor of London, General Sir John Waters, Commander in Chief United Kingdom Land Forces, Sir Peter Miller, the Rev Dr E.W. Nicholson, Provost of Oriel College, Oxford, Mr Adrian Barnes, Remembrancer, City of London, and Mr Carlos Sancha.

31 Colonels Club
The annual dinner of the 31 Colonels Club was held last night at the Regimental Headquarters, 31st Signal Regiment (Volunteers), Hammersmith. Lieutenant-Colonel R.C.A. Thwaites, Commanding Officer 31st Signal Regiment (V), and Major K.J. Bruce-Smith were the guests.

Institute of Legal Executives

The 1991 Malcolm Butler prize (president's prize) for the highest number of distinctions in fellowship or part II membership papers has been awarded to Mr Nicholas Anthony Hanning, of Farnfield & Nicholls, solicitors, of Shaftsbury, Dorset.

Dinners

British Association of Industrial Editors
Mr Barry Isted, President of the British Association of Industrial Editors, presented the association's Communicator of the Year award to Mr John Cole, Political Editor of the BBC, at a dinner held last night at the Park Lane Hotel. Mrs Kathie Jones, chairman, and Mr Cecil Pedersen, chief executive, also spoke.

St Edward's School Society
Mr Norman Miscampbell, QC, MP, entertained the St Edward's School Society in the Members' Dining Room in the House of Commons last night. Sir Michael Sandberg, president of the society, and Mr David Christie, Warden of St Edward's School, were the principal guests.

Church news

The Ven Ronald J. Woodley, recently retired as Archdeacon of Cleveland, diocese of York, is to be Archdeacon Emeritus, and will retain his Canonry of York (Prebend of Grindall).

Mr John Stanbury, Chief Executive of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, to be Diocesan Secretary (Worcester).

Church in Wales
Diocese of Monmouth

The Rev Colin Westbrook, Vicar of St John Baptist, Newport and Honorary Canon, to be Canon of Monmouth.

The Rev Arthur Edwards, Rector of Cwmbran, Director of Education and Honorary Canon, to be Canon of Monmouth.

The Rev Norman Price, Vicar of Overmonnow and Rural Dean of Monmouth, to be Canon of Monmouth

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

The Rev Dr Fraser Watts to be President of the British Psychological Society.

Mr Anthony C. Sawyer to be a Commissioner of HM Customs and Excise, in succession to Mr R. Craggs, who is retiring.

Mr M. E. J. Rush, of Blackpill, Swansea, to be Deputy Lieutenant of West Glamorgan.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Thomas Wentworth, 1st Earl of Strafford, statesman, London, *1593*; Frederick North, 2nd Earl of Guilford, prime minister 1770-82, London, 1732. Thomas Jefferson, 3rd president of the USA 1801-09, Shadwell, Virginia, 1713; Richard Trevithick, pioneer of railways, Illogan, Cornwall, 1771.

DEATHS: Charles Leslie, controversialist, Glaslough, Ireland, 1722; Hugh Clapperton, explorer in Africa, Sokopto, Nigeria, 1827; Sir William Orchardson, painter, London, 1910.

The first performance of *Messiah*, Dublin, 1742. The Catholic Emancipation Act was passed, 1829. The American Civil War began, 1861.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Ortelius, cartographer of the first atlas, Antwerp, 1527; Christian Huygens, physicist, The Hague, 1629; William Henry Bentinck, 3rd Duke of Portland, prime minister 1783, 1807-09, Bulstrode, Buckinghamshire, 1738; Peter Behrens, architect, Hamburg, 1868.

DEATHS: Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick (The Kingmaker), killed at the battle of Barnet, 1471; George Frederic Handel, London, 1759; William Whitehead, Poet Laureate 1757-85, London, 1785; Louis Henri Sullivan, architect, Chicago, 1924; Vladimir Mayakovsky, poet and dramatist, committed suicide, Moscow, 1930; Ernest Bevin, trade union leader, Foreign Secretary 1945-51, London, 1951; Frederic March, actor, Los Angeles, 1975; Simone de Beauvoir, writer, 1986.

Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the USA 1861-65 was shot by John Wilkes Booth in Washington; he died the following day, 1865.

OBITUARIES

CAPT SIR AUBREY ST CLAIR-FORD

Captain Sir Aubrey St Clair-Ford, Bt, DSO, whose ship rescued Lord Louis Mountbatten during the second world war and who later commanded the cruiser HMS Belfast, *died on April 8 aged 87. He was born on February 29, 1904.*

NEXT month sees the 50th anniversary of one of the most hazardous rescue operations of the war when nearly 300 British sailors were plucked from the embattled seas around Crete under continuous attack from the Luftwaffe. Those saved included the commander of the 5th Destroyer Flotilla, Captain Lord Louis Mountbatten. The man to whose daring and skill they owed their lives was Aubrey St Clair-Ford.

In late May 1941 Mountbatten led his own ship *Kelly*, together with its sister vessel *Kashmir*, on a mission to bombard an airfield in north Crete. As they withdrew at 30 knots next day they were dive-bombed by two squadrons of avenging Stukas. *Kashmir* was sunk within minutes and *Kelly* was hit and capsized shortly afterwards.

St Clair-Ford, in command of *Kipling*, had stayed behind while the destroyer was undergoing urgent maintenance. Alerted by the sound of gunfire over the horizon, *Kipling* steamed at full speed towards the scene where, during the next three hours, the captain and his crew displayed great qualities of seamanship and courage, jinking and dodging *more than 80 bombs from the* Stukas while at the same time picking up survivors.

Damaged by a collision with the drifting half-submerged *Kelly* the overladen *Kipling ran out of food and fuel as it* limped back to its home port of Alexandria. But the operation not only won the DSO for St Clair-Ford but also the admiration of Mountbatten, who later described him as a "brave, brilliant and highly competent officer".

The rescue was, however, only the first and most celebrated in a sequence of actions in which St Clair-Ford won distinction during the early years of the war. Shortly before Christmas 1941 he won a bar to his DSO when *Kipling* sank a marauding U-boat while on convoy escort duties off the north African coast. Next March he was mentioned in dispatches during the second battle of Sirte when a small British force under Rear-Admiral Philip Vian successfully protected a convoy bound for Malta from a larger force of Italian warships.

Two months later he was mentioned in dispatches again, though this time in rather more disastrous circumstances, when *Kipling* was one of three British ships sunk by the Luftwaffe in the Mediterranean.

The man who was known to his sailors as "Strawberry" (inspired partly by his Christian name and partly by his ruddy complexion) was a *product of Osborne and Dart*mouth naval colleges, having entered the Royal Navy in 1917. Two of his brothers also became naval officers while the third, Major-General Sir Peter St Clair-Ford, died two years ago.

After the loss of *Kipling*, Aubrey, who was to succeed to the baronetcy in 1948, served ashore and was later hand-picked by Mountbatten to serve on his combined operations staff. He moved to the Pacific before the end of the war.

After 1945 he commanded first the Royal Navy electrical school HMS *Collingwood* then the Royal Naval air station HMS *Sea Eagle* in Northern Ireland before *returning to sea in command* of the cruiser *Belfast* in 1950. He took the *Belfast* to the Korean war where its support of allied land forces won him two more mentions in dis*patches and led to his being* appointed an officer of the United States Legion of Merit. He retired in 1955 as Commodore of the Royal Naval air station at Lee-on-Solent and *moved into private industry*.

For the last five years members of his crew in *Kipling* have assembled at his home in Fordingbridge, Hampshire, for an annual reunion. Pride of place was given to the silver tankard, donated to the ship by the Kipling Society, which was always used by St Clair-Ford on his bridge and was rescued by a sailor after the destroyer went down.

He leaves a widow, Anne, whom he married in 1945, a daughter and a son — who now succeeds to the 198-year-old baronetcy.

JIŘÍ MUCHA

Jiří Mucha, writer, died on April 6 aged 76. He was born on March 12, 1915.

JIŘÍ Mucha's first claim to fame was to be the son of Alphonse Mucha, the great exponent (if not the creator) of the art nouveau style in the Paris of the 1890s. Alphonse Mucha was already 54 years old when his son Jiří was born, and after years living in France and America, had returned home with his Czech wife Maruška. But after a few years in Bohemia, the Muchas were travelling again; so that in later life, Jiří was to say that he had lived through many different childhoods.

Jiří Mucha's career was in letters rather than art. At the age of 16 he was already publishing poetry in the newspaper *Lidové noviny*. He was educated at the classical gymnasium in Prague, although he returned to France for some of his schooling. In 1935 he entered the Charles University in Prague, having decided that medicine was an appropriate study for a future writer. (He also read oriental studies and history of art at the faculty of arts). However, from 1937 onwards he lived in Paris where, until the war, he continued his medical studies. He continued to write, sending articles home to *Lidové noviny* and other Prague newspapers.

The signing of the Munich agreement in 1938, Hitler's occupation of the Sudetenland and subsequent occupation of Bohemia and Moravia, left Mucha, like many of his countrymen, distressed and uncertain how to act. For most of this time he remained in Paris. He worked for a time in the Ministry of Information, visited London with the Czech Philharmonic, wrote as a journalist and joined in theatre activities.

In July 1939 his father died. Jiří came back to occupied Prague across a Europe not yet at war. Travelling for a month around occupied Bohemia, he sensed the population's apprehension of what the coming months would bring. He returned to Paris and, onc was declared, joined Czechoslovak army in Fr A few months later, in 1940, he married Kaprálová, a young com from Brno and a close f of the composer Boh Martinů; within a few of the wedding, Vitka di tuberculosis.

With the fall of Fr Mucha moved to Eng where he joined the air travelling to North Afric the Middle and Far East eventually, to liberated F and the Western Front. these places he *reported* to Czechoslovakia by and later published *Braves Fire* about experiences.

Until 1943 he also col rated on the London-b Czech-language perio *Obzor (Horizon)*. At the time, he joined John mann's literary circle became involved in production of *New Wi* and *Daylight* (until 1 After the liberation of Cze slovakia he returned Prague, but still trav widely as a journalist.

In 1951, Mucha was tenced to six years' impr ment on charges of espio He spent four years doing labour in the coal mines later working in the hos service of the uranium m his book *Living and P Living* was based on a dia kept while in the coal mi

On his release he worke a scriptwriter, wrote plays, and continued wit journalism. In 1989, follo a visit to Prague by Ha Pinter, the Czechoslo branch of PEN Club revived and Mucha was n president.

During the reforms of he was already ill in hosp but nevertheless mad contribution with a dec tion on behalf of those C and Slovak servicemen fought on behalf of country from 1939 to and who were cru penalised for their patriot during the 40 years communism.

CHARLES GOREN

Charles Goren, bridge player, author and television presenter, died in Encino, California, on April 3 aged 90. He was born on March 4, 1901.

CHARLES Goren was born in Philadelphia, the son of a poor cabinet maker. He succeeded Ely Culbertson as the world's leading authority on contract bridge, his total book sales running well into eight figures. Goren learned bridge by playing with fellow students at McGill University in Toronto, but when he graduated, practised law in his home city.

With few clients, he had plenty of spare time and started playing in bridge tournaments, then to write bridge articles. In 1932, Culbertson, the supreme authority, paid him $30 for ten bridge deals that later appeared in Culbertson's world*wide syndicated column. Later,* Goren's income from bridge was to exceed Culbertson's by far.

In 1936, a year in which Culbertson grossed $1 million, Goren wrote *Winning Bridge Made Easy* — and never practised law again. Then he met a red-headed ex-showgirl who had appeared with the Marx Brothers in *Animal Crackers*, but who exhibited a far greater talent for bridge than she had ever shown on the stage. Goren and Helen Sobel won their first national championship in 1940 and, later, many more. In spite of Goren's eminence, Sobel never played the part of the submissive woman. "What is it like to play with the world's greatest expert?" she was once asked by a gushing onlooker. "Ask him," she replied, pointing to Goren across the table.

During the war years Goren, Sobel and their team colleagues dominated the north American *circuit and in 1944 Goren, for the* first time, headed the American contract bridge league's master-point ranking list, holding the position for 18 years and toppling Culbertson from his perch.

During a long period of commercial exploitation Goren's daily column appeared in newspapers with a readership of 34 million and his book sales exceeded all other bridge authors combined. Goren's bridge cruises were so popular that he had to hire other experts to host them, and his nationally distributed television programme, *Championship Bridge*, increased his fame. To the American public, Goren was veritably Mr Bridge and he was featured on the front cover of *Time* magazine. Privately, he played often with such figures as Eisenhower, Elsa Maxwell, Prince Aly Khan and Humphrey Bogart.

Unlike many bridge experts, Goren was patient, genial and humorous, qualities that endeared him in his books and lectures, persuading many readers to stay with a game too complicated to learn under a less sympathetic taskmaster. He made no secret of presenting the technique of bridge as easier than it really is. He would quip: "Some hands are so difficult to bid that they should be quietly dropped on the floor and re-dealt."

Goren's greatest single contribution was the realisation that the long-established 4,3,2,1 point count for aces, kings, queens and jacks, could be adapted to take account of the length of suits, and thus be used for trump contracts as well as for trump biddings. This "distributional count" — adopted and publicised, but not actually invented by him — made it much easier for the average player to bid well, and ensured that millions who might otherwise have given up in frustration were retained. He attributed the distributional point count to William M. Anderson of Toronto, who was to become president of the North American Life Assura Company.

In 1950 Goren was in the Am can team that beat Great Britain a Europe *in the first Bermuda Bo World Championship*. [illegible] France. "Match records for sa buy them costs ten francs," into a French official towards the en the competition. "How much does cost to destroy them?" enquired chastened Goren.

Goren was fond of Britain accepted several invitations to p in the Masters Pairs. In 1957 he Sobel won the De La Rue Cent *nial Tournament* at Selfridges, that time the most ambitious sp sored tournament ever staged.

Goren never married. Afte stroke that impaired his mem but not his other faculties he sp his last years at his nephew's h in California.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.R. Ashworth
and Miss S.E. Hulme
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Neil Ashworth, of Chesham Bois, Buckinghamshire, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Hulme, of Bolton, Lancashire.

Mr A.D.D. Calf
and Miss M.J. Oppé
The engagement is announced between Alexander Calf, of Chiswick, London, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Denys Oppé, of Manor Farm, Newnham Green, Hampshire.

Mr C.K. Chapman
and Miss J.E. Gammack
The engagement is announced between Clive, only son of the late Mr Colin Chapman, CBE, and of Mrs Hazel Chapman, of East Carleton, Norfolk, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Angus Gammack, of Stockleigh English, Devon.

Mr M.T.N. Dugdale
and Miss G.A. Bishop
The engagement is announced between Mark Tristam Norwood, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Dugdale, of Hambledon, Hampshire, and Gillian Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Leslie Bishop, of Havant, Hampshire.

Mr A.G.M. Gordon
and Miss J.A. Downes
The engagement is announced between Andrew, second son of Mr and Mrs Robert Gordon, of Colinton, Edinburgh, and Janice, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Kevin Downes, of Whitstable, Kent.

Mr M.T.C. Howes
and Miss L. Newall-Watson
The engagement is announced between Toby, elder son of Dr and Mrs Alan Howes, of Oxenton, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Lucy, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Newall-Watson, of Steep, Petersfield, Hampshire.

Mr P.J. Kincaid
and Miss K. Walker
The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of the late Mr J.A. Kincaid and of Mrs J.A. Kincaid, of Ramsey, Essex, and Kate, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.V. Walker, of Hemley, Suffolk.

Mr N.J.R. Lambert
and Miss D.M. Foster
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Wing Commander and Mrs J.D. Lambert, of JHQ, Rheindahlen, Germany, and Diane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert E. Foster Snr, of Syosset, New York, USA.

Mr D.S. Little
and Miss M. Hornshaw
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr Keith Little and Mrs Linda Frances Sharples, of Newcastle, and Marion, only daughter of the late Mr Walter Christopher Hornshaw and of Mrs Hornshaw, from Dundee.

Mr M.T. McGowan
and Miss S.J. Parkhouse
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs T.J. McGowan, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr R.J. Parkhouse, CBE, and Mrs Parkhouse, of Rottingdean, East Sussex.

Mr P.R. Moon
and Miss B.A. Rhyner
The engagement is announced between Peter Royston Moon, of Chelsea, London, and Beth Ann Rhyner, of Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Mr T. Morgan
and Miss J. Collins
The engagement is announced between Timothy, elder son of Mrs M. Morgan, of Feckenham, Worcestershire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Collins, of Coombe Hill, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

Mr P. Osgood
and Miss A.L. Smalley
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs J.G. Osgood, of Reigate, Surrey, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Smalley, of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

M R. Pistolesi
and Mlle N. Jantet
The engagement is announced between Roberto, son of M and Mme Edmond Pistolesi, of Senlis, France, and Nadine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Georges Jantet, of Ealing, London. The marriage will take place in France.

Mr M.F. Pritchard-Barrett
and Miss E.J. Ball
The engagement is announced between Michael, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J.D. Pritchard-Barrett, of Kelsale, Suffolk, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. Ball, of Hoxne, Suffolk.

Mr M.F. Sauerbruch
and Miss L.W. Hutton
The engagement is announced between Matthias Friedrich, son of Herr and Frau Hans Sauerbruch, of Konstanz, Germany, and Louisa Winn, youngest daughter of the late Captain Ronald Hutton, MC, *and of Mrs Gerald* Selous, of Langley Grange, Norfolk.

Mr P.S.S. Thomas
and Miss K.H. Comaish
The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs B.C. Thomas, of Cookham Dean, Berkshire, and Kirstie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.S. Comaish, of Hallington, Northumberland.

Wycliffe College

Summer term begins on Sunday, April 14. The Chaplain of Michaelhouse, Natal, the Rev Fred Pitout, and the Chaplain of Wycliffe, the Rev Gregory Cameron, have exchanged posts for the term. Old Wycliffian Day and the Old Wycliffian Ball will take place on Saturday, June 29. Details are included in 'The Star'. Speech Day is Saturday, July 6, when the prizes will be presented by Mr Peter Westgarth, Chief Executive of Young Enterprise.

Reception

Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council
Sir Jock Taylor, Chairman of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, was host at a reception held yesterday at Canning House in honour of the President of Chile. The Chilean *Ambassador* was among those present.

Marriage

Mr R. Zeff
and Miss M.J. Cox
The marriage took place on April 7, 1991, at Temple Sinai, Palm Desert, California, between Mary Jane Cox and Robert Zeff.

Church services tomorrow

Second Sunday after Easter

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Mass in the Dorian Mode (Tallis), Jesu, rex admirabilis (Palestrina), Rev Dr J D Tetley; 3.15 E, Responses (Leighton-Jones), Canterbury Service (Ridout), Christ rising again (Byrd); 5 Scouts' Service, Rev J Bradshaw; 6.30 Sermon & Compline, Rev J H R de Sausmarez.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Darke in F, Very Rev J Southgate; 11.30 M, Britten in C; 2 ATC 50th Anniversary Service; 4 E, Sumsion in G, Hymn to Christ (Holst), Sister Barbara Maude.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Tallis), Macpherson in E, Rev J Halliburton; 11.30 HC, Upon this Holy Eastertide (Eccard), Missa Regina Coeli (De Kerle); 3.15 E, Naylor in D, I know that my redeemer liveth (Bach), Rt Rev P Kwong.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Radcliffe), Jubilate in C (Britten), Te Deum in G (Vaughan Williams), O sing joyfully (Batten), Canon C Semper; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Ireland in C, Easter Carol (Fletcher), Ubi Caritas (Duruflé), Canon A Harvey; 3 E, Responses (Rose), Stanford in C, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), Commissioner R Read; 5.45 Organ Recital by Martin Neary; 6.30 ES, Rev P Ferguson.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Cantate Domino (Monteverdi), Adoramus te (Monteverdi), Canon I Smith-Cameron; 3 E, Chichester Service (Berkeley), Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bairstow), Rev N Worn.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 Mass; 10.30 SM, Missa Regina caeli (Palestrina), Laudem dicite Deo (Shephard), Jesu salvator saeculi (Shephard), Final (Haidn); 2.30 Organ Recital by John Browne; 3.30 V & B, Magnificat octavi toni (Viadana), Alleluia, Cognoverunt discipuli (Byrd), Intermezzo (Alain).

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W11: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Rise heart thy Lord is risen (Vaughan Williams), Rev J R W Stott.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Ireland in F, I was glad (Parry), Sister Renate CHN; 12.30 HC.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: 11.15 Divine Service, Canon E James.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC; 11 M, Responses (Ebdon), Windsor Service (Howells), Dum Transisset Sabbatum (Taverner), Rev R D Gould.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Responses (Ayleward), Te Deum (Smart in F), Jubilate Deo (Smart in F), The Lord is my shepherd (Stanford), The Reader.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Darke in F, Easter (Gibbs), Rev S Ware.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev I Thurston.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Jackson in G, Haec dies (Byrd), Rev Dr J A Cullen; 6 E & B, Purcell in G minor, Angelus Domini (Casciolini), Rev P W A Whelan.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev S Wookey; 6.30 Preb R Bewes.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8, 12 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, Rev J H L Cross; 6 E, Preb C E L Thomson.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev S Watson.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10.30 HC & Family Service, Mr J Jennings; 6.30 Informal Service, Mr K Costa.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30, 12.05 HC; 11 MP, Rev Dr M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.45 HC; 11 Euch, Rev K L Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis (Mozart), Preb J Gaskell; 6.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, Britten in C, Christ is now rysen agayne (Brocklees), Rev A Winter; 6.30 E, Walmisley in D minor, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), Rev J Paul.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 M & Euch, Jubilate (Stanford in C), Stainer in D, The Lord is my Shepherd, Canon J Oates; 6.30 E, Responses (Reading), Watson in E, Rise heart thy Lord is risen, Come my way my truth my life, Let all the world (Vaughan Williams), Canon J Oates.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Harwood in D, God liveth still (Bach), Fr Bill.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish Communion; 6.30 E.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Nourse in E, When the Lord turned again (Batten), Rev O D Watkins.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch, The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC; 11 MP; 6.30 EP, Rev G Williams.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 5.45 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Little Organ Mass (Haydn), The Lord is my shepherd (Schubert), The Vicar; 6 E, Second Service (Byrd), Christ rising (Byrd), Rev G Buckle.

ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC; 10 Parish Euch with Children's Church, Canon T Birchard; 6.30 Evening Worship, Rev O Ross.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 LM; 11 SM, Fr A Phyall; 6 V & B.

ST JOHN THE DIVINE, Vassall Rd, SW9: 8 LM; 10 HM; 4 E & B.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Gabrieli), Gloria in Excelsis (Weelkes), Rev A Walker.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 MP & HC, Leighton in D, Since by man came death (Handel), Rev D Watson; 6.30 E, Blessed be the God and Father, Rev S Acland.

ST MARK'S, Regent's Park Rd, NW1: 8 Mass; 10 Family Communion; 11 S Euch, Missa a 4 (Monteverdi), Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford), Rev J Humble.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 M, Responses (Howells), Stanford in A, Beata dei Genitrix (Guerrero), Rev R Holloway; 12.15 HC.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, Canon D Pilcher; 11.30 Visitors' Service, Responses (Ayleward), Stanford in B flat, Justorum animae (Stanford), Rev M Henwood; 2.45 Chinese Service (EP), Rt Rev P Kwong; 5 E, Responses (Ayleward), Dyson in F, Ascribe unto the Lord (Wesley); 6.30 ES, The Vicar.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, The Vicar; 11.15 M, Rev P Myles; 6.30 E, The Vicar.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa Le bien que j'ai (Goudimel), Dr B Horne; 6.15 E & B.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, NW1: 8 HC; 11 Euch, O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Since by man came death (Handel), Rev R McLaren; 6.30 E, Rev J Chater.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand, WC2: 11 Sung Communion, Rev E Thompson.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 11 HC, Rev D C L Prior; 7 ES, Rev J Crossley.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 M & HC, I am the good shepherd (Thalben-Ball), Canterbury Responses (How), Britten in C, O where shall wisd found (Boyce).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis in (Mozart), Laudibus in Sanctis My beloved spake (Hadley), Courtauld.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Virum bonum (Lassus), In exitu (Wesley), Fr D Tillyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner SW3: 8 HC; 11 MP, Alleluia ton), Blessed be the God and (Wesley), Rev G James; 6.30 E, James.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa (Brahms), Christe Jesu pastor (Taverner), Victimae paschali Bishop of London; 6 E & B, Colven.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC SM, The Rector.

THE ANNUNCIATION, Bry Street, W1: 11 SM, Missa Brev flat (Mozart), Quia quem portare (Mozart); 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF LAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev W A Cairns.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF LAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 6.30 Rev H G Ross.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick W1: 11 Missa Brevis (Pal Rejoice in the Lord alway Love is come again (anon).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Grove, St John's Wood: 10.4 Superba (Kerll), Surrexit Pastor (Schutz).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Dei (David), Scio enim redemptor (Lassus), Ave (Bruckner).

THE ORATORY, Brompton SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass Brevis in D (Mozart), Regi (Hilwells); 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 Laetentur caeli (Byrd).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place Missa Vidi speciosam (Victo pus coeli (Morales), Volunta bona).

ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street 8.30, 10, 11 Mass, Little Org (Haydn), Jubilat Deo (Moza verum (Gounod), 12.15, 6.3

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Ke High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 6.30 LM; 11.15 SM, Missa Joannis de Deo (Haydn), Jub (Lassus), March on 'Lift hands' (Guilmant).

AMERICAN CHURCH IN Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11; F Allison.

HINDE STREET METH CHURCH, W1: 11, 6.30 Griffiths.

KENSINGTON TEMPLE (Ch Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9, 6.30.

KENSINGTON URC, Allen St 11, 6.30 Rev P Lovell.

REGENT SQUARE URC (Pre Congregational), Tavistoc WC1: 11 Rev Dr R Scopes; with African Christian Fel

SALVATION ARMY (Rege Oxford St W1: 11 Major M Music; 6.30 Major C Hunt.

ST ANDREW'S URC, Frog NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morg

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES Gresham St, EC2: 11 HC Frazier; 7 Choral V, (Ayleward), Verse for org Michael Grimm.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, NW Dr D T Jenkins.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City R 9.45 HC; 11 Morning Serv Holmes.

WESTMINSTER CENTRA (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30 J Tudor.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, B Gate SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Kendall.

WESTMINSTER MEETING FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St WC2: 11, Meeting for wo

HAZELDEN - On April 11th, gently released after protracted suffering of Alzheimer's Disease, Muriel Dorothy Zena, formerly of Barnes, in her 91st year, at her home in Teddington, Middlesex. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday April 18th at 2.15 pm. Flowers to Frederick W. Paine, 102 High Street, Teddington, Middlesex.

HUDSON - On Thursday April 11th, at home, Hope Hudson, aged 91, much loved mother of the late Philip and of Faith and Micky, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Thursday April 18th at Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells, 2.30 pm. No flowers please but donations, if wished, to Injured Jockeys Benevolent Fund.

LLOYD - On April 10th 1991, very peacefully in Lymington, Major-General R.E. (Dick), darling husband of Gill and much loved father of Jeremy, Sarah (Gleadell) and Belinda (Matthews) and Grandi to Tara, Jessie, Polly, Katy, Bettina, Daniel, Adrian, Lucy and Antonia. Funeral at St John the Baptist Church, Boldre, on Wednesday April 17th at 12 noon, all friends welcome. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Royal British Legion or St John's Ambulance c/o Diamond & Son Funeral Directors, 9/11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, Hants., SO41 9DN. (Tel: 0590-672060).

MALCOLM - On April 12th, in Exeter, Muara Marion Malcolm, beloved wife of Air Cdre John E. Malcolm O.B.E., F.R.C.S. Mother of John and Alexandra and dear grandmother of Marie, Angus, Johan and Christina. Funeral service private. No flowers, donations to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

McDONALD - On April 6th 1991, at Northampton General Hospital, Tom, a beloved husband and father, greatly missed. Funeral Service, 1.00 pm, Monday April 15th at St John's Church, Elverton, followed by interment.

McLAREN - On April 9th 1991, peacefully at her home in Sandgate, Kent, Dulcie Vivienne, aged 63 years. Widow of Captain Ian McLaren, beloved mother of Simon, Amanda and John. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Sandgate, on Tuesday April 16th at 3 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research c/o Chittenden's Funeral Services, 1 Ingoldsby Road, Folkestone, Kent.

MORLEY - On April 11th 1991, peacefully at home after a long illness bravely fought, Susan Veronica Ann (née Corbin), beloved wife of Christopher and devoted mother of Sophie, Annabel, Alexander and Simon. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Purton, on Friday April 19th at 11 am. Family flowers only, donations, if desired to Prospect Foundation or Marie Curie Nursing Service, Swindon.

PATON - On Thursday April 11th 1991, at St. John's Hospital, Aberdeen, peacefully after a short illness, Joan, widow of John Paton of Grandhome. Much loved mother of Duncan, the late Jersey and Iain MacLeod and loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Family cremation at Aberdeen Crematorium Tuesday April 16th, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Machar's Cathedral at noon, to which all friends are welcome. No flowers please, donations if desired to St Machar's Cathedral, Aberdeen.

WADSWORTH - On April [illegible] at Trimpley, Lilian May, beloved wife of Doctor A.M. Wadsworth. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Trimpley, Kidderminster, on Tuesday April 16th at 12 noon.

WILL - On April 11th 1991, peacefully, Lt. Col. Wilfrid Byron Joseph Will, aged 93 years. Funeral Thursday April 18th at 11 am at St Anthony's Church, Rye, followed by interment at Fleet. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Anthony's Rye Restoration Fund.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

BANTOCK - Ted. April 14th, 1986. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." Agnes.

CURWEN - Mary, who died April 13th 1990. Dearly loved wife, mother, mother-in-law and grannie. Always in our hearts.

GANNAWAY - Derek, five years have passed. Always loved never forgotten. Maureen and family.

WHITE - William George. In everloving memory of our dear Brother who fell asleep April 13th 1986. 'Until the Day breaks'. Betty and Mary (Stonsford, Dagenham).

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Columbia: *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*

If there is one thing Mr Roger Vadim really knows about it is keeping audiences interested, keeping the screen alive, keeping the story moving.

All this is equally true of his latest film to appear in this country (though actually made earlier than *Blood and Roses*), *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, or *Les Liaisons Dangereuses 1960* as the French authorities quaintly insist it should be called, for fear we should suppose it to be a "serious", faithful adaptation of Laclos's masterpiece. It is flashy, it is vulgar, it is terribly derivative, with bits and pieces from every film-maker imaginable, and yet it works; it is often very funny (even if we are rather ashamed of ourselves for finding it so) and though it is about corrupt people its own tendency to corrupt is absolutely nil.

Here in fact, is a clue to the secret of its appeal: it is really just like a vintage Bette Davis film decked out with the further incidental franknesses of dialogue and action which today's conventions allow. Particularly is this so in what concerns Madame de Merteuil, now (*o tempora, o mores!*) Madame Valmont, the fiendish collaborator of her husband in all things depraved.

Maybe it is just that Mlle Jeanne Moreau bears an uncanny resemblance to Miss Davis in manner, appearance and even in hairstyle (*All About Eve*, or perhaps *A Stolen Life*?). Certainly Gerard Philipe is handsome and plausible as the irresistible seducer — plausible enough, indeed, for even the audience sometimes to have their doubts — and Mlle Annette Stroyberg is pretty, if a little negative, as the Présidente de Tourvel. But Mlle Moureau steals the film with an all-out star performance.

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A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 11th day of April 1991.
Messrs Edge & Ellison
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JEANETTE HELENE WILSON
also known as JEANETTE
HELENE MARY WILSON late of
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Southampton Hants England
Housewife Deceased Intestate

After fourteen clear days from today, HARRY REGINALD VEDO WILSON of 4 Autumn Place, Winn Road, Southampton Hants, England, Retired, the lawful husband of the deceased JEANETTE HELENE WILSON also known as JEANETTE HELENE MARY WILSON, Housewife, husband of the said deceased will apply to the Supreme Court Brisbane for a grant of administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased who died intestate. Any person interested who desires to object to the application, or to be heard upon it, may file a caveat in the Registry at any time before the grant is made, and all notices may be served at the undermentioned address.

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Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925

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Dated this 12th day
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Answers from page 20

NYCTALOPIA
(b) Night or moon blindness, from the Greek *nux* night + *alaos* blind + *ops* eye: "A blindness will also come and go, unlike the nyctalopia, which returns every night."

NOYADE
(c) The execution of persons by drowning, as practised notoriously by Carrier at Nantes in 1794, during the Terror, from the French *noyer* to drown, ultimately from the Latin *necare* to kill: "No guillotine was to be set up; the Oder, Spree and Weichsel were to see no noyades."

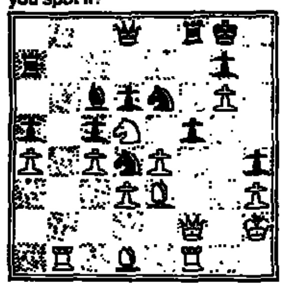
CALENDER
(c) A machine which gives a gloss to cloth or paper by rolling it between tight rollers, from the Greek *kulindros* a cylinder: "At Paris they have an extraordinary machine of this kind, called the royal calender."

STOVER
(b) Corn stalk, broken straw, stubble, an aphetic variant of *estover*: "These creatures are of prodigious service in converting stover to one of the best of dungs."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Botvinnik — Keres, Moscow 1966. Botvinnik finished off his opponent with one move. Can you spot it?



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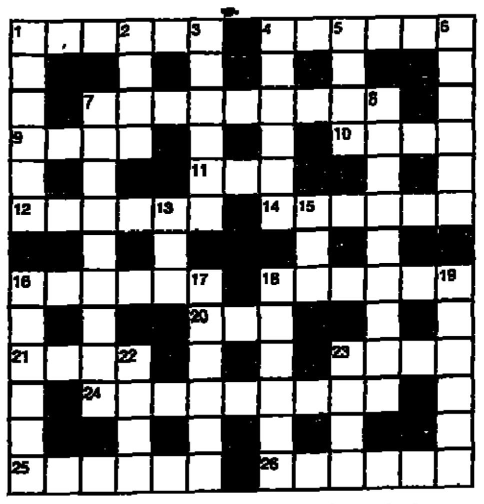

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11 Self (3)
12 Hang about (6)
14 Peevishness (6)
16 Pack (6)
18 Lack of interest (6)
20 Large cup (3)
21 Light toboggan (4)
23 Hair lock (4)
24 Fleeting (9)
25 Vestiges (6)
26 US money unit (6)

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1 Force (6)
2 Provocative (4)
3 Cargo shifter (6)
4 Cambridge final honour (6)
5 Sticky dirt (4)
6 Birch spike (6)
7 Spying (9)
8 Bitter (9)
13 45 inch length (3)
15 Nonsense (3)
16 Vote (6)
17 Glowing coals (6)
18 Assented (6)
19 Chatter (6)
22 Heroic tale (4)
23 Lofty (4)

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Face-lift for the old gods

The conservators of the National Trust's statues are offering their skills for wider use. Eluned Price reports

Trevor Proudfoot and his statues conservation team once worked solely for the National Trust (NT). Since January, after an arts and crafts version of a management buy-out, they have become independent, though remaining the trust's conservators.

Called the Cliveden Conservation Workshop, the team will fund its own expansion, which, given the NT seal of approval and a long list of private commissions, promises to be one enterprise which will never go bust. The workshop deals with everything from archaeological conservation to garden sculpture, as well as larger masonry projects and items of architectural decoration such as lintels, coats of arms and chimney pieces. "Not to mention the repair of plasterwork and wall paintings," Mr Proudfoot adds. It also conserves worn marble, stone and tile floors.

'Sculpture is often not suited to the British climate'

The workshop is at present housed in a motley collection of buildings on the trust's *Cliveden estate, once the* Astor family seat near Maidenhead, Berkshire. The house itself is leased to Blakeney's Hotels.

The old fives court, to which Mandy Rice-Davies and her pals in the Profumo scandal doubtless repaired in the early Sixties, is now filled with patrician busts, and the rheumatics ward of the adjacent hospital, built by Nancy, Lady Astor during the first world war, is peopled by stony deities requiring nothing more than a face-lift.

Sadly, for devotees of eccentricity, the workshop will be moving out of these premises. To much architectural excitement, their new buildings in the grounds, designed by Robert Barnes, will be granite clad under an aluminium awning.

Mr Proudfoot and his co-director, Geoffrey Preston, head a growing team of nine conservators, a post-graduate student sponsored by the conservation unit of the Museum and Galleries Commission, and administrative and security staff. Diane Dollery is a typical member of the group. Trained at the Institute of Archaeology, with a degree in archaeological conservation, she worked at the British Museum for more than five years before joining the workshop as senior stone conservator.

The team hopes to expand into the production of original pieces, which will be largely the province of Mr Preston. He and Mr Proudfoot trained together in the Seventies under John Bysouth of *London. As advisers,* their work ranges from Lord Coke's collection of antique statuary at Holkham Hall in Norfolk, assembled on an 18th century Grand Tour, to ancient sculptures unearthed at Aphrodisias in Turkey. The conservation of the collection at Petworth House, West Sussex, originally restored with iron pins, is a big task. "Iron eventually stains the marble, and rusted iron, which expands to more than six times its volume, will eventually break the marble apart," Mr Proudfoot says.

Arthur Smith is a recent recruit to the workshop. A retired head of chemical research at the South Wales Coal Board, he now analyses the plasters and mortars which hold together the figures of historical eminence, and the blights which have surfaced on the stonework.

On the shelves of his laboratory are ranged jars of violently coloured fluids. Lying beneath them, like an exercise in surrealism, are the scagliola table tops from Uppark, West Sussex, which was burnt down. "We need to see what chemical changes took place, both at the time of the fire and afterwards, to work out the method of repair," he says.

A whole room, devoted apparently to Coadestone, the artificial material of fired stone-dust and clay which was developed by Elizabeth Coade, includes an ornate Corinthian capital from Clandon Park, Surrey, guarded by two outsize 19th century Egyptian figures from Buscot House, Oxfordshire. Coadestone was used extensively in the production of statuary from moulds at the Coade factory in Wandsworth, south London, between 1770 and 1820. "Forget all that stuff about her taking the recipe to her death," Mr Proudfoot says. "The Buildings Research *Establishment sussed it all* out in the Fifties. The reason Coadestone can't be reproduced is that the real secret of it lies in the quality of the craftsmanship and the techniques of the firing."

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

A new future: Trevor Proudfoot and a statue of Charity from the Dorney Court collection

The centrepiece of the Coadestone room at the moment is a magnificent figure of Charity, festooned with a number of squabbling, suckling babes. Part of a private collection at Dorney Court, Buckinghamshire, it had been broken at the base and has been put back together by the workshop with an internal frame of its own design.

A Gandharan sculpture of the *third century AD,* from the borders of Pakistan and Afghanistan, lies on the operating table awaiting surgery. Sculpted in schist, a grey blue sandstone, he is a godlike figure with a fine Zapata moustache. He is looked upon somewhat quizzically by the bust of Thomas Vernon, the builder of Hanbury Hall, the curls of his horsehair wig expertly rendered in creamy Carrera marble.

"Sculpture is often placed in an environment which is not suited to the British climate, or to central heating," Mr Proudfoot says. "We have to sort out how best to protect it without putting it in a glass case. What we offer collectors is the expertise we have acquired in our years with the National Trust, whose collection is unique precisely because it is not protected by glass, but lies on the outside of houses, on walls, in gardens."

● *Cliveden Conservation Workshop, Taplow, Berkshire SL6 0JA (0628 604721).*

Feather report

Cry like an eagle

A GOOD zoo aims to serve four things: amusement, education, science and conservation. Every time I consider the way zoos work on these laudable notions I think of eagles. In what way is an eagle in a cage amusing? What can we learn from it? In what way does its life help the lives of wild eagles? What does the spectacle of a caged eagle teach children? How large should an eagle's cage be? Ten square miles would be hardly big enough. "Robin redbreast in a cage puts all heaven in a rage," Blake wrote: divine fury at the incarceration of eagles should be enough to destroy the galaxy.

Education? A piece of scholarly research on a zoo in Buffalo, New York, found that the most common expressions used to describe animals were: cute, funny-looking, lazy, dirty, weird and strange. I do not feel that it is worth locking up eagles to assist *people in reaching* such conclusions. The truth is that zoos do not celebrate animals: they celebrate man's dominion over nature. It is hardly necessary to stress this dominion in the dying years of the 20th century. Virtually every square centimetre of the globe has been shaped by the hand of man. Such wilderness as we have left exists only by man's express permission.

Free flight: a lesser-spotted eagle

Zoos emphasise the gulf between man and the natural world. Dale Jamieson, a professor of philosophy, wrote: "Zoos teach us a false sense of our place in the natural order. The means of confinement. mark a difference between humans and animals. They are there at our pleasure, to be used for our purposes. Morality, and perhaps our very survival, require that we learn to *live as one species among many* rather than as one species over many."

Zoos can be used to teach. Early delight in the Snowdon aviary at London zoo was part of my education. But too much of what zoos teach is unacceptable. Even in the free-flight cages, one asks: are we really teaching about birds? Or the wonders of human ingenuity?

Birds have delighted us throughout history because they can fly: they express mystery and freedom. Locking up a bird — say, a bird genetically programmed to migrating thousands of miles a year — seems no more an experiment in avian sanity. Zoos this, and have tried to offer the anim more enlightened captivity. But even zoo's main self-justification, the breedi rare mammals and birds, can seem no than a further celebration of man's mani tion of the world to his pleasures.

Conservation is the thing. Zoos do best for conservation, but they are can too much weight for the course. The sa from extinction of Père David's deer European bison and the Mongolian horse are down to zoos. However, it is strictly necessary to cage eagles in ord save horses. If you want to save mam and birds from ex tion, the answer is n shoot their mothers, ture their offspring, t port them overseas *try to breed from* t The answer is to their habitats.

If there is a place zoos at all, it is as ce of campaigning and cation. The numbe species of mammals birds that can liv decent life in a zo seriously limited. must be rethought f top to bottom if the to be any point to them at all. London zoo launched a £13 million appeal to carry o it always has done. Just think what all money could do for real conservation. not think that £13 million should be give support a rather degrading form of p entertainment. If you want to spend that of money on nature, then spend it to pr places where eagles fly free.

Jamieson said: "Because what zoos teac *is false and dangerous, both humans and* mals will be better off when they are abo ed." Abolished — or rethought. It is bett save a mountain than cage an eagle.

SIMON BARN

● **What's about:** *Birders — first swallows house martins are arriving. Twitchers — g spotted cuckoo at Spurnhead, Humbers serin at Sandwich Bay, Kent; white stork flying along the river Medway, Kent. De from Birdline, 0898 700222.*

Country events

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **Rural crafts:** Working demonstrations by a hurdle-maker, thatcher, stonemason, lace-maker and spinner.
Dorset Rare Breeds Centre and Farm Museum, Gillingham (0747 822169). Tomorrow 10am-6pm; £2, child £1.50.

☐ **Plough day:** Ploughing demonstrations with shire horses and vintage tractors. Also harrowing and threshing, spinning and corn dolly-making, folk singing, dancing and ferret handling.
Cobtree Museum of Kent Life, Maidstone (062 763936).

☐ **Vintage:** Cars and motor cycles, plus a potter, boat-builder and blacksmith and print-making workshop.
Amberley Chalk Pits Museum, near Arundel, West Sussex (0798 831370).

☐ **Fish 'n' eels special:** Circular river walk following the New River to Dobbs Weir, with a pub lunch returning via the river Lee.
Meet at Rye House Gatehouse car park, Rye Road, Hoddesdon, Herts. Tomorrow 10.30am. Booking essential (0992 713838); £3.50 includes lunch.

☐ **Durham walks:** The river Greta at Bowes with local naturalist. Meet at parish hall, near Barnard Castle, tomorrow 2.30pm. Or explore the harbour at Seaham with the director of the coastal centre.
Meet at the viewing centre, northeast corner of port at Seaham, tomorrow 2.30pm; 80p, child 40p.

NEXT WEEK

☐ **Music at Belsay:** Victorian music [illegible] and water music for the children.
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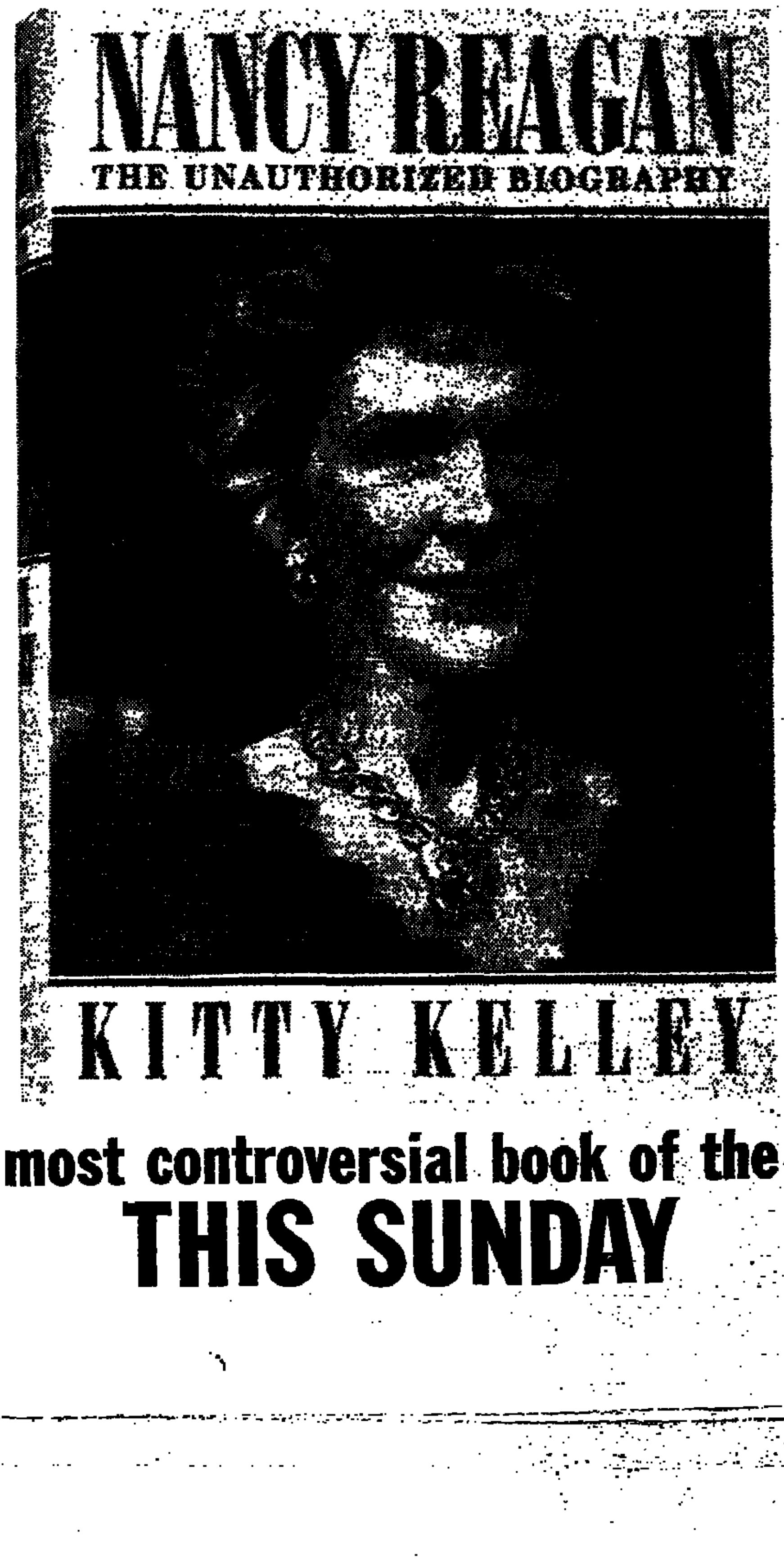

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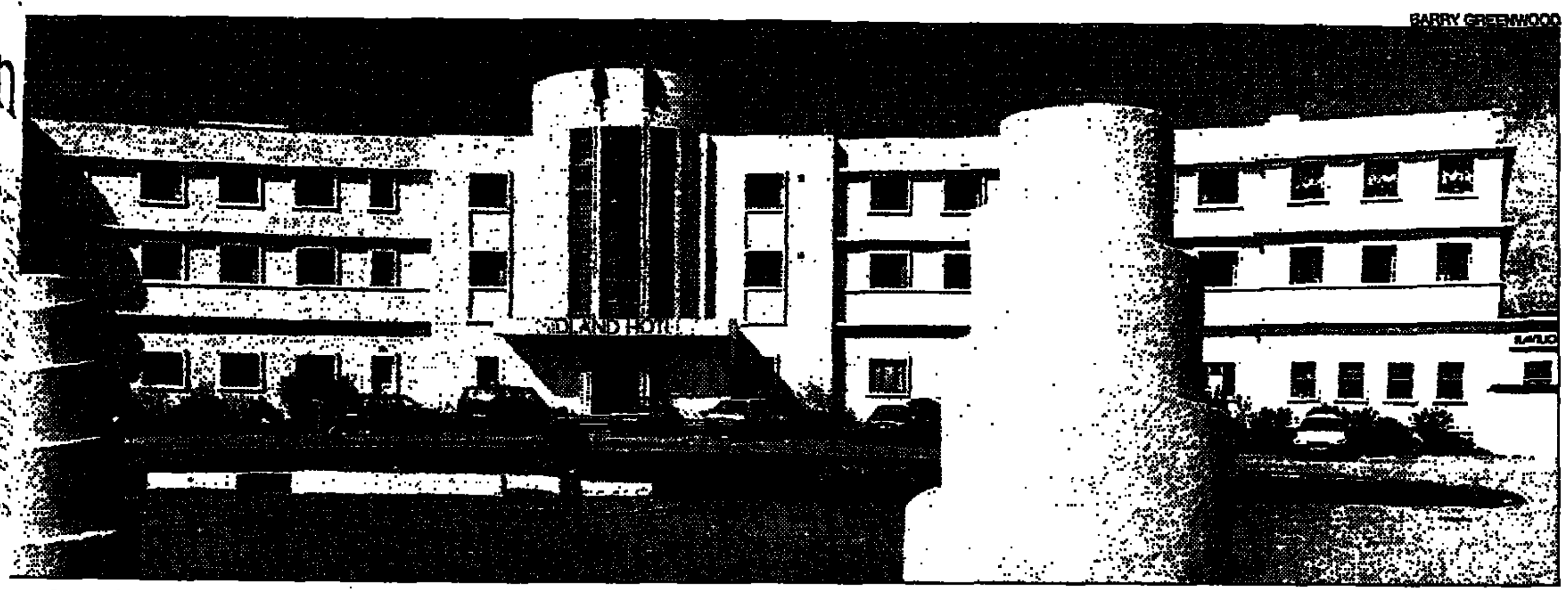

BARRY GREENWOOD

…on the seafront at Morecambe: the Midland, like the Lancashire town itself, has the air of a place that has seen better days and is to go up for auction

…own where the sands ran out

An architectural competition seeks to revitalise Morecambe's neglected seafront. Callum Murray visits a traditional resort stranded in history

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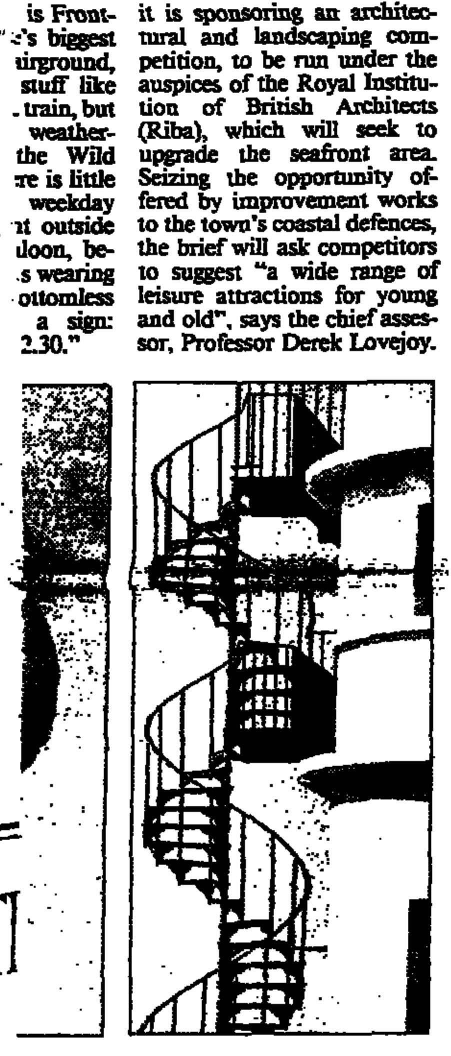
Close by the Midland on the right is Bubbles, a recent and terrible, pointed-roofed novelty swimming pool building in crinkly tin, with blue, yellow and green details. Further along the front, the stalls and low-grade shops begin: fish and chips, rock, fortune tellers, "Advanced tattooing by Kevin Preston, the Best in the North West". In the distance is the burnt-out hulk of the pier.

The council is making an attempt to reverse Morecambe's decline. This summer it is sponsoring an architectural and landscaping competition, to be run under the auspices of the Royal Institution of British Architects (Riba), which will seek to upgrade the seafront area. Seizing the opportunity offered by improvement works to the town's coastal defences, the brief will ask competitors to suggest "a wide range of leisure attractions for young and old", says the chief assessor, Professor Derek Lovejoy.



…horse and spiral staircase at the Midland

"The quality of design and inter-relationship of the elements is of the utmost importance," he says.

Elements to be included in submissions will be street furniture, sculpture, masts and flagpoles, fountains, play equipment, display panels, directional signs, lighting and permanent illumination, kiosks and sun and rain shelters.

To Morecambe, the fire that destroyed the remaining end-of-the-pier buildings the weekend before last, was nothing new. In 1917, the pavilion on the West End Pier burnt down, followed, in 1925, by its amusement arcade. In 1933, the exotic, domed and towered Taj Mahal ballroom on the older Central Pier burnt out in only an hour.

Finally, in 1977, the entire West End Pier, once almost a mile long, was swept away in a storm — while all that remains of the Central Pier is a spindly superstructure supporting the twisted and blackened skeletons of buildings.

The real difference between then and now is that in previous disasters there was always someone to step forward with an offer for the fire-damaged relics, and a scheme for their profitable renewal. In Morecambe's heyday, the Twenties to the Fifties, an entrepreneur could be confident that money earned in the woollen mills of Bradford and the shipyards of Glasgow would repay his investment in a few summer seasons. What private speculator would risk his capital here now?

At first sight, it is not easy to see what it is about Morecambe that once made it so irresistible to holidaymakers. The town became popularly known as Bradford-by-the-sea, so great was the annual influx from that city. In 1924, half a million visitors arrived by train at Morecambe between the end of June and the beginning of October, and in 1949, 6,000 people from Stalybridge, about half the town's population, went on a special excursion to see Morecambe's first post-war illuminations. Yet Morecambe has no real beach — just shingle in places along the promenade and miles of grey-green mudflats.

Beyond the bay, the view remains unobstructed right up to the mountains of the Lake District, 30 miles away. Even on an overcast and blustery April day, their shadowy outlines are visible. The one thing Morecambe always had was an open aspect and plenty of healthy sea air.

Perhaps because of the mainly working-class clientele it attracted, it never quite had the fine buildings of some of the east coast towns. This was a boarding house, rather than a grand hotel, kind of resort. Apart from the Midland, what hotels there were have mostly been demolished, although the boarding houses remain.

There are, however, a few relics of better days. The late Victorian railway station, with its fine, glass-canopied central hall, is listed; there are two entertainingly finned and ribbed, white art deco shop fronts, Woolworth and Hitchens; and then there is the Winter Gardens.

A red-brick and terracotta monster which opened in 1897, the Winter Gardens theatre is the sort of Victorian architecture that people called ugly a few years ago. Seating 3,000-4,000, it was the largest of Morecambe's many theatres and is the only one still standing, if you don't count the Crazy Horse Saloon. But it is empty and unused, though not yet completely derelict.

Its owner is Fred Edmondson, a local man who claims to have once "worked the lines" with Eric Morecambe, who took his name from his home town. Mr Edmondson is an enthusiast and believes that the Winter Gardens has a future, converted to a conference and speciality shopping centre. The conversion would cost £1.5 million. But, he says: "Once they have the magnet, people will come back to Morecambe."

Will entrepreneurs like Mr Edmondson, along with the council-sponsored competition, be enough to bring the people back? Having taken over the Midland Hotel with high hopes of recreating the original art deco interiors, the owners have recently announced that it is to go up for auction again, this Wednesday. The dolphin from the dolphinarium will not be returning after demonstrations by animal rights activists last year. Confidence in the town has never been lower. A great deal rests on the results of the competition, and on the faith of the entrepreneurs.

Back on the promenade, two boys cycle past the remains of the once magnificent pier on their BMXs. "For Sale?" says one sardonically, catching sight of the optimistic notice stuck over the boarded entrance. "Who'd want to buy that?"

Help: Peter Bushell, house historian

The man who found a ghost

PETER Bushell fell into his unusual occupation by chance. In 1977, in the course of his researches on a guide to London he read about 700 books. The first draft of his *London's Secret History* ran to more than 2,000 pages and was returned by the publisher with a request for extensive cutting. When the finished copy went to press, Mr Bushell found himself with three-quarters of his information unused. Only 23 of the 300 pages he had written on Mayfair, for example, had been printed.

Peter Bushell: he builds a picture of past happenings

"Too much effort had gone into the research to let it go to waste," he says. He had used buildings as a background for the people he wrote about, and came up with the idea of seeking commissions from the present owners to write histories of their properties. The idea was an immediate success.

Now he works mainly from personal recommendation, and charges a flat fee of £475, plus travelling expenses from his home in Somerset, and sometimes the cost of staying overnight. Some commissions can be researched in a day, others take four or five. His report usually fills 12 to 40 typewritten pages. Mr Bushell's expertise lies in knowing exactly where to look for the information he needs. He has also written a book for DIY historians called *Tracing the History of Your House*.

Sometimes his clients surprise him. Julie Walters, the actress, commissioned him to write a history of her London home. On the first day he came across an Edwardian photograph of a plump gentleman putting his key into the front door of her house. Delighted, he took her a copy, only to discover that his client already had the photograph.

One of Mr Bushell's most unusual commissions came from a man who worked in a Victorian office block near Chancery Lane. The man telephoned to say that one evening while he was working late, he had seen a shoeless girl in a corridor and wearing strange clothes. Thinking she might be a thief he had pursued her, but she disappeared. A week later his secretary asked him: "Who's that girl with no shoes?" and he decided that they had seen a ghost. Mr Bushell's research produced no grounds for the haunting but about 18 months later, while he was working at the British Museum's newspaper library in Colindale, north London, the headline "Murder in Bloomsbury" caught his eye. It concerned the same building, and the story reported the fatal knifing of a housemaid. She had gone to answer the door. Later, her companion discovered her lying in a pool of blood with her throat slit. Her shoes were were found lying nearby.

In addition to tracing histories, Mr Bushell is turning G.K. Chesteron's *Club of Queer Trades* into a television script. "To join this club you must practise a profession that no one else does, and earn a living from it," he says. "I think that I might qualify."

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Events in town

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☐ **Throwaway:** Boomerang-making workshop this morning for children aged ten to 16 and adults. Tomorrow 11am-3pm, a boomerang-throwing competition for children over ten and adults. Under-16s must be accompanied by an adult.
Horniman Museum, London Road, Forest Hill, SE23 (081-699 1872). Workshop £2, competition £1, child 50p.

☐ **Craft show:** Experts demonstrate coopering and sadlery.
Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket, Suffolk (0449 612229). Tomorrow 10am-5pm; £2.75, child £1.50.

☐ **Natural theatre:** Street theatre, including mime artist. Opportunity for anyone to join in making sculptures from natural materials such as stone, wood and even grass.
Humber Bridge Country Park, near Hull, Humberside. Tomorrow 10am-4pm; free.

NEXT WEEK

☐ **World of the fan through the ages:** Jacqueline Morris, expert and past secretary of the Fan Circle, gives an illustrated lecture.
Green Room, Christie's, South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, SW7 (071-581 7611). Mon 6pm; £2.

☐ **British Library lecture:** Marianne Tidcombe gives an illustrated lecture about the Doves Bindery to coincide with the exhibition of eponymous title.
British Museum Lecture Theatre, Great Russell Street, WC1. Wed 6.15pm; free.

☐ **Art London 91:** Sixth international contemporary art fair with paintings, sculpture, drawings, prints and photography, plus daily discussions.
National Hall, Olympia, W14. Thurs-Sun 11am-8pm; £4.50, under-14s £3.

☐ **Spring gardening show:** Tools, plants, gardening equipment, floral displays, organic gardening, seminar programme and gardeners' clinics.
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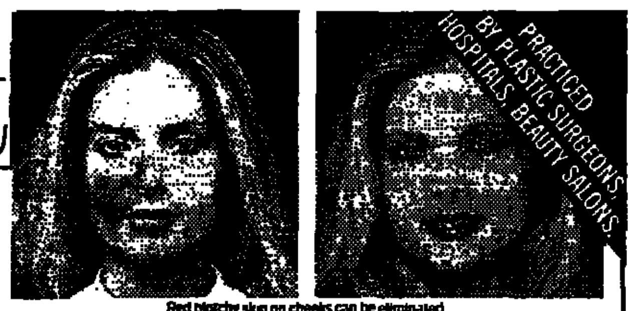

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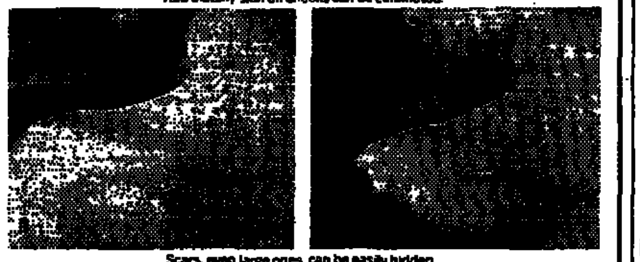

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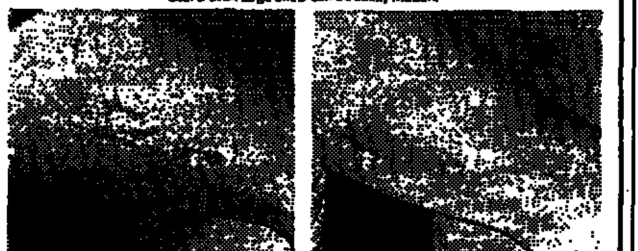

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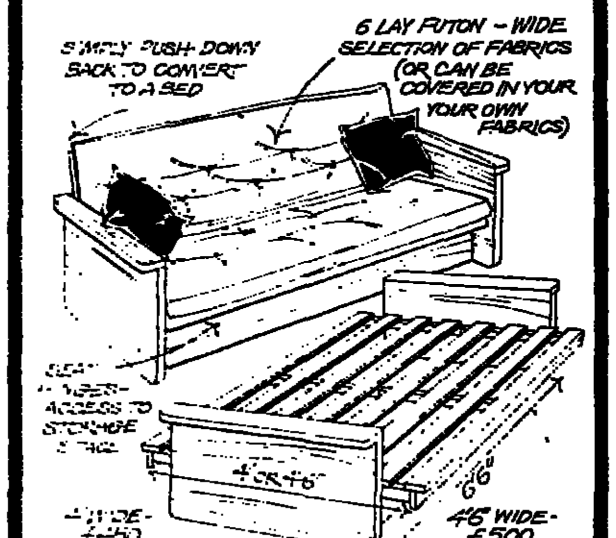

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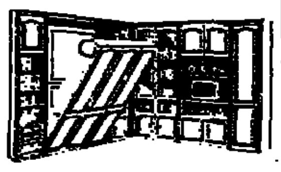

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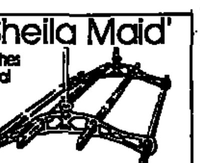

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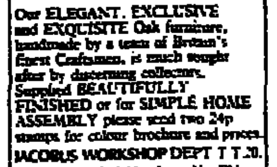

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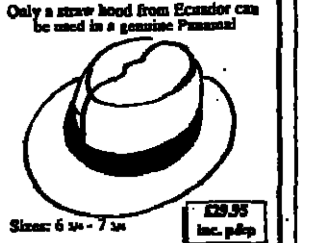

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picture-of-innocence George Marlow (John Bowe) really was the murderer of six women, it was initially quite hard to take it in.

"If he's lying, he's the best I've ever come across," the lugubrious Sergeant Amson (Gary Whelan) had said. And one was bound to agree. So convincing was Marlow with lines such as, "I've never lied to you, Moyra" and "On my mother's life, I haven't done a thing", that Bowe must surely have prepared for the part by paying frequent visits to pet-shops and studying the guileless expressions of puppy-dogs.

"Barefaced" is, in fact, quite an apt adjective for *Prime Suspect*, since much of the action took place in close-up — and the faces were all superbly cast. Helen Mirren, playing a senior police officer instead of her more usual role of temptress, gave a transfixing performance that was not only entirely neck-up, but which gave as much weight to willed expressionlessness (as when she coolly surveyed rotting corpses) as to controlled elation. Towards the climax, Zoe Wanamaker (as the suspect's obdurate girlfriend) was persuaded to look at snapshots of the murder victims, and promptly erupted with a howl of incriminating evidence ("He tried to do it to me, once . . . I didn't know, I didn't know!"), while also dry-retching into a chiffon scarf. Mirren reacted to this by conveying revulsion, triumph and exhaustion, all in extraordinarily quick succession, followed by a flicker of conspiratorial thumbs-up at the female police officer sitting beside her.

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The only way *Prime Suspect* failed was in keeping any attention focused on women's problems in the police force. The antipathy with which Mirren was welcomed on to the case (Tom Bell, as the Detective Sergeant, snarling cadaverously at the "tart", and deliberately obstructing her efforts) was thoroughly convincing. But this was quite quickly dispelled once the lads in the incident room started revealing themselves as New Men *manqués*, and switching their form of address from "ma'am" to "guv'nor".

As for the tug between home and career, I am afraid I took such a one-sided view that the issue barely mattered. Who needs a wimp like Peter (Tom Wilkinson) when a woman can enjoy the excitement of a job like this? "Sod the fresh pasta, love," I said, breathlessly. "You've got to find Marlow's car."

*P*rime Suspect was terrific. It was also — despite the repeated appearance of noisome corpses — one of the few programmes I saw this week that didn't shock me to tears. If I close my eyes and think back on the first week of Channel 4's highly worthwhile "Banned" season, I regret to say I remember first the images of cruelty. It would certainly be perverse in the circumstances to object to nasty material being shown ("Stop this vile exposé of censorship"), but nevertheless the suppressed footage of Belsen victims in *The Truth About Lies*, and of live pigs used in atomic blast experiments in the American documentary *Dark Circle* certainly did nothing to enhance one's optimism about the natural goodness of mankind.

Almost as terrible was some of the material in Christopher Terrill's **Inside Story** (BBC 1), which investigated the illegal trade in primates, and started with horrifying film of mother orang-utans being shot dead in the jungle, and their babies caught.

Inside Story traced many of the ringleaders in this trade (all of them economical with the truth), and countered some of the awful information about deaths of baby orang-utans air-freighted in tiny boxes by showing nice people from the Primate Protection League giving survivors a reassuring cuddle.

On the other hand, adult orang-utans were shown performing perfectly legally in a comic nightclub act in Las Vegas, after which they were secretly filmed backstage, where their trainer (in evening dress) imposed discipline by the simple tactic of coshing the creatures across the back.

"I have nothing to do with orang-utans," said one of the traders. Oh yes? By this stage my tolerance of liars was wearing thin, and I was beginning to realise that being lied to is degrading, which is why it makes you angry. Tell us about the Belgrano, then. Tell us about the Windscale accident. Tell us why you "didn't believe" in the Nazi concentration camps. "Mr Philby, are you the third man?" "No, I am not."

How one wishes, suddenly, that life resembled Belloc's cautionary tale of Matilda, where telling lies gets its natural and inevitable comeuppance. "For every time she shouted 'Fire!' they only answered 'Little Liar!' "

OPERA: BUDAPEST

More than a yen for a song

Ernest Beck on a British plan to enlist Japanese help for a good Hungarian cause

After 40 years of living entirely off state funds, the venerable but financially-troubled Hungarian State Opera may soon be rescued by a massive injection of private capital, thanks to British businessman Charles Cook. A self-confessed opera addict and chairman of a London-based company specialising in cultural tourism, Cook has convinced Japanese and Saudi Arabian investors to back a bold plan to build a new, 1,800-seat opera house and "culture complex", including hotel and shops, in a decaying district in Budapest.

At an estimated cost of £75 million the deal ranks as one of the biggest foreign investments in Hungary so far since the retreat of communism. More important, it may serve as a model survival guide for other crisis-ridden Eastern European arts institutions facing closure or curtailment of activities because of frozen state budgets, raging inflation, and dwindling domestic interest in "established" culture.

"My goal is simply to preserve the Hungarian Opera and to service our customers and market," explained Cook on a recent visit to Budapest to finalise the deal. The market, his extensive research shows, is mainly Japanese tourists. Some 30,000 of them will, as part of a package deal, pay $80 a seat (compared to the current subsidized price of $6) for performances at the new high-tech opera house during a summer festival that will compete with Salzburg as a cultural attraction.

Specifically targetted are what Cook calls "Japanese ladies", aged 22 to 30, who are well-educated, comparatively wealthy and keen to taste European culture. The cultural marketing strategy comes complete with a new, 400-room hotel near the opera, a shopping arcade and hotel room videos explaining opera plots. And, lest anyone doubt the targeted market, performances will have Japanese surtitles.

Cook's original idea was to launch a classical-music ship playing the Danube between Vienna and Budapest. The ship ran aground, metaphorically speaking, on maritime rules. Then he fell in love with the Hungarian Opera, vowing to keep alive its rich musical heritage. Mahler was once its music director.

Cook insists that the project is beneficial because it will provide extra work and income for the 1,000-member ensemble, and force it to trim its unexportable Hungarian language productions. In return for the invesment, the company is obliged to mount five classical, original-language operas for the 78-day summer season. The rest of the year it has free use of the new house in addition to its present, magnificent but small neo-Rennaisance home.

Opera officials here are enthusiastic. Unable to call on corporate sponsors which do not yet exist in post-communist Hungary, they see the Cook plan as a godsend to save the company and stem the flow of top singers who are heading west for higher fees. "Nowadays we can hardly pay the electricity bill each month," laments the opera's director, Endre Ueto.

City officials and local residents have also voiced approval, especially after Cook promised that the project would create more than 1,200 permanent jobs, spark the refurbishment of the derelict neighbourhood, and possibly generate large profits during the first decade of operation, if it opens on schedule in 1994. Only the Green Party protested, mainly because the culture complex would eat up about half of a popular park. Cook, determined as ever, countered with an offer of landscape improvements.

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mystery and mythic feel survive to the extent they do.

The credit for that must particularly go to Michael Pennington's Leontes, who presides over a court packed with men in grey suits but has not allowed either worsted or flannel to cramp his own emotions. He sits there, flashing forced smiles and half-visibly twitching while the acid of suspicion eats more and more insidiously into his surviving sanity. Then suddenly he is babbling distractedly, and giving nervous little laughs, and screeching "you lie, you lie" at the counsellor who dares defend Lynn Farleigh's doughty Hermione, and even spitting at the faithless wife he thinks she is.

Some more Bodge admittedly follows. Apollo's announcement that Leontes is a jealous tyrant causes an unexplained explosion in the perspex egg inexplicably suspended in scaffolding at the back of the stage, like a space pod in *Alien II*. Yet that does not lessen the impact when Pennington totters off, a bent, broken man. Similarly, Antigonus exits pursued, not by the "bear" specified in Shakespeare's most famous stage direction, but by a spooky Leontes lookalike, a strangler with a huge, feral paw. But even this tricksy touch does not compromise a vivid second half.

With Bernard Lloyd at their head, looking as if he is about to appear with his sheepdog on BBC 2, the shepherds seem a businesslike as well as genial crew. James Hayes's all-Irish Autolycus ("me father named me Aught, Aught O'Lucas") has a sly, ingratiating manner and a refreshingly anarchic glint in his eye.

If Trilby James's Perdita were a bit more ardent, a bit less the sensible schoolgirl about to take A-levels, the ending would be more fully moving; but I could still hear the odd sniffle in the seats nearby. Bogdanov, not Bodger, has prevailed.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DONALD COOPER

Lynn Farleigh, Hermione, and Michael Pennington, Leontes

Martial arts merely incidental

CONCERTS

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BARRY Cooper's programme notes for this concert claimed that "incidental music" was an inadequate term with which to describe Beethoven's pieces for Goethe's play Egmont. He is right. The overture is a lofty summit of the composer's achievement in that form, while the brief Victory Symphony at the play's end recalls that work's coda in a touch of dramatic genius.

Yet denied the drama the effect of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment's performance was sometimes akin to that of a graphically descriptive baroque piece by, for instance, Biber: verbal explanation followed by often naively onomatopoeic music. In particular, martial drums and trumpets sprang from virtually every passage.

In the play, of course, such things would be well distanced by the dialogue, and the two songs (sung with a nice purity by Nancy Argenta), four Entractes, and pair of orchestral episodes would play an effective part in heightening the atmosphere of this drama of military occupation. But Beethoven's greatness rests on his structural power; when, as is necessarily the case in incidental music, he turns to smaller forms, one feels that something essential is missing. The music, though alertly conducted by Ivan Fischer, was hardly helped by Anthony Calf's narration of Cooper's neat plot summary. Calf looked every inch the cold-eyed young officer, and delivered his words with the sensitivity of a machine gun. Political *Egmont* may be, but it still needs human emotions.

Before this rare experience, Monica Huggett braved the challenge of playing an undoubted masterpiece by Beethoven, the Violin Concerto, on a period-style instrument. With the OAE sensitively accompanying, the balance was wonderfully clear, and the finespun rather than over-rich sound that Huggett produced helped make this performance a revelation. There were moments of nervousness, when her intonation momentarily strayed, but her spacious tempos, her eloquent phrasing and, not least, her own cadenzas well suited the concerto's lyrical character. Moreover, they transformed our ideas of a work that conventional violinists often labour over. Now we were able to sense its origins in the Italian baroque.

One thing that critics and composers for the organ have in common is that they are dangerously prone to making excess noise and indulging in excess piety. Francis Potts's two-hour, five movement "passion symphony", *Christus*, which Iain Simcock valiantly and expertly unveiled amid the gloom of Westminster Cathedral on Thursday, does both. Stock-in-trade effects, motifs and textures are dressed in sophisticated structures, and the mortification of this secular listener's ears (admittedly endured only for the first 100 minutes, which took him all the way to the diabolic Scherzo at the end of the third movement) sadly yielded no spiritual reward.

STEPHEN PETTITT

RECORDS: CLASSICAL

Debussy lost and exquisitely glossed

I SHOULD have been writing on this page about the concert performance of Pelléas et Mélisande which was to have taken place in Birmingham on Wednesday, with a repeat in the Queen Elizabeth Hall last night; its cancellation sadly snatched the crown from this year's first instalment of the "Towards the Millennium" festival. As it is, Simon Rattle's handling of Debussy's opera must remain a tantalising prospect; meanwhile a new recording (Decca 430 502-2), conducted no doubt very differently by Charles Dutoit, provides its own pleasures and problems.

These are to some extent intertwined. It is a favourite paradox to describe Dutoit's Montreal Symphony as the best French orchestra in the world, but its style is still distinctively North American, and Dutoit's own taste for high definition and gloss makes this a team better suited to Ravel than to Debussy.

Their *Pelleas* is abundantly beautiful, with a luminosity that comes from perfect blending, and a precision placing of events that exquisitely reveals inner detail. Single events — the turn of a phrase, for example, or the surface of a chord — are often quite wonderful.

However, the warmth (particularly the warmth of the string sound in the last act) becomes indulgent, and the tempo is sometimes too fast, as if trying to keep up with a psychological pace that is not there: Dutoit rushes his engines — in the first scene of the Act IV, for example — only to find that the lovers have slipped through his fingers.

The music really calls for more coolness, more space, more estrangement: love, jealousy and revenge, it suggests, are not so easily traced to their origins and motivations; the heart is a labyrinth. But at least in the first couple of acts Dutoit's way with the score is certainly powerfully seductive.

What clinches this as a performance demanding attention is the Golaud of Gilles Cachemaille, who sings the entire part with the most intimate naturalness of tone and expression. Here is a Golaud of generosity and honesty, limited only by a lack of imagination, and as much the victim of events as his step-brother and his wife. The shaping of the line is so right that one might have said Cachemaille was made to sing this part, were it not that another recording last year showed he was also made to sing Leporello.

Colette Alliot-Lugaz as Melisande is also outstanding. Her voice is utterly chilled except for the odd disconcerting insinuation or tease that suggest a child knowing more than it should.

Didier Henry is a compelling Pelleas, rich and baritonal, and yet with a youthful quickness of reaction. There is, too, a quite extraordinarily boy-like Yniold from Françoise Golfier, who was to have sung the part for Rattle.

The others are not so good, and the waveringly pitched Arkel especially is a drag on the set. One might also prefer the way John Carewe gives the music more room and more ice, but certainly not less passion, on the only other version to get the piece onto two compact discs (Pierre Verany PV 788093/4). Yet anybody with a concern for this opera, and anyone missing this week's cancelled performances, will find plenty of stimulus and enjoyment in the Dutoit recording.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

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gether, aided by committed, engaging performances.

The effect is cumulative. When the shattered hero, a black RAF man dishonourably discharged, is finally left alone, disillusioned on the darkened stage, he is mocked by the cool, crystalline and very English tones of "Oh for the Wings of a Dove"; an ironic reminder of the flight his own pinioned wings have struggled vainly to achieve.

The play charts the career of four young Jamaicans who join the air force in the war against Hitler and Mussolini. After some cod-Churchillian speeches plentifully spattered with scatological references, we follow their journey to aid the mother country which promptly puts them to work as cook, barber and cleaner. Only one, Alvin, gets airborne, a rear gunner who mars a successful record by shooting down one of his side's own planes. Since he is not American and this is not the Gulf war, the authorities register their disapproval, and the white world's latent racism is revealed.

The weakness of the playwright's treatment lies in the reported quality of much of this. Most of the story is seen through the eyes of the black characters, so we must take their version of events on trust. Portrayal of the white locals — the air base is in Scotland — finds the writing at its most portentously poetic and least convincing. This applies as much to the lyrical effusions of the Scots girl who falls in love with Alvin as to her hostile and sinisterly masked elders.

Despite some self-indulgent sub-Joycean word play ("thy bird dung come; thy quill be done"), the play sparks into life with its young Caribbean characters; the well-delineated friends with their individual obsessions — money, success, women — and the mass of recruits who join up for different reasons, down to the nervous virgin who fears he may be killed before sexual initiation as much as he fears sex itself.

Moments of Caribbean exuberance are infectious but the strength of the production lies in the more thoughtful interpretations: Geraldine Somerville as the local girl, making the most of some very self-consciously literary writing, and Clarence Smith as Alvin — a performance of hopefulness, decency, intelligence and ultimate bitterness.

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6.40 Open University: St Lucia — People and Celebrations 7.05 Pure Maths: Fourier Coefficients
7.30 Pinocchio. Cartoon adventures of the wooden puppet
7.55 Eggs 'n' Baker. Cheryl Baker presents another breakfast portion of chat, cookery and pop. The menu includes a traditional Scottish high tea and music from popular bands the High and Blur
8.35 BraveStarr. Cartoon (r)
9.00 Going Live! Presenters Phillip Schofield and Sarah Greene are joined by pop stars Jason Donovan and Wendy James for an end-of-series special. Film director David Puttnam is in the hot seat to answer questions from the audience. 12.12 Weather
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.20 Football: a review of tomorrow's FA Cup semi-finals; 1.00 News; 1.05 Basketball: semi-finals of the Carlsberg championships from the NEC in Birmingham; 1.55, 2.25 and 3.00 Racing from Ascot; 2.10 and 2.40 Motor Racing: the first round of the Esso British tourist car championship from Silverstone and the second round of the British formula three championship from Thruxton. 3.15 Ice Hockey: the Durham Wasps meet the Peterborough Pirates; 3.50 Football half-times; 4.00 Golf: news from the US Masters in Augusta; 4.35 Final Score
5.05 News and weather
5.15 Regional News and sport. Wales (to 6.05): Wales on Saturday
5.20 The Flying Doctors: The Fear. Australian drama series. A teenager, Todd, arrives in Cooper's Crossing and upsets the entire town with his wiseguy attitude. Chris diagnoses his real problem — he suffers from a frightening phobia which she knows she probably can't cure, only control. (Ceefax)
6.05 Jim'll Fix It. Jimmy Savile makes more dreams come true for young and old alike. Teenager Helen is given a birthday to remember when Jimmy arrives at her birthday party with one of her heroes in tow. Seven-year-old Charlotte takes a trip on a flying carpet and 81-year-old Fred Barber spends a day at his old school. (Ceefax)
6.40 Little And Large. Syd and Eddie continue to grace the small screen with their peculiar brand of comedy. They are joined by the actress and rock star Cher and her backing dancers for a sensational musical number — but as usual all is not quite what it seems. Dannii Minogue, star of *Home and Away*, also makes an appearance to perform her latest single. This week's musical megamix is a tribute to the perennial pop star, Cliff Richard. With special guests Derren Nesbitt and Maddi Cryer. (Ceefax)
7.10 Fast Friends. Les Dawson hosts the quiz in which two team leaders have 30 seconds to select their teams from a group of 40 "friends" and then compete for prizes. The winner of the knockout round then goes forward to the solo round with Les and has the opportunity to win a luxury holiday. (Ceefax)
7.40 Film: Perry Mason — The Case of the Lady in the Lake (1987). First instalment in a set of feature-length courtroom dramas *starring Raymond Burr. When a beautiful heiress disappears* mysteriously after an early morning swim, all the evidence seems to suggest murder and the obvious suspect, her husband, finds himself facing the charge. The legendary lawyer Perry Mason is hired to defend him. With David Hasselhoff and Barbara Hale. Directed by Ron Satlof (Ceefax)
9.20 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Sport and weather
9.35 Canned Carrott. Jasper Carrott presents another mix of stand-up comedy, sketches and crazy commercials. He takes a sideways look at barbecues and holidays and teams up with special guest Robert Powell for another spot of daft detection. (Ceefax)
10.05 Film: Dead of Winter (1987). Odd thriller starring Mary Steenburgen as an actress who, on the advice of her talent agent, attends an audition held at the house of a film producer. She is under the impression that she may be walking into a starring role, but she is in fact walking into a macabre nightmare. Directed by Arthur Penn

Not letting sleeping demons lie: newlywed Kim Darby (11.45pm)

11.45 Film: Don't Be Afraid Of The Dark (1973). Contrived horror yarn starring Jim Hutton and Kim Darby. Two newly weds make the age-old mistake of investigating some mysterious goings-on in the basement of their old house. Not surprisingly, they end up regretting their rash curiosity, which only serves to uncover a brooding demonic presence, the sort that is unquestionably best left alone. Directed by John Newland
12.55am Weather

BBC 2

6.50 Open University: Maths — Least Squares 7.15 Working Mothers 7.40 Minerals Under the Microscope 8.05 Thermodynamics in Action 8.30 Managing the Managers 8.55 IT — Teletel 9.20 Community Education in Belfast 9.45 Living Choices — Changing Places 10.10 Exploring Frequency Space 10.35 Broadcast Rituals 11.00 Education — After the Act 11.25 Creative Management — Strategy on the Screen 11.50 Education — Old Dog, New Trick 12.15 *Anthony and Cleopatra* workshop 12.40 Sassetti Chapel, Santa Trinita 1.05 Gallium Arsenide: Pulled from Obscurity 1.30 Modern Art — Style Labels 1.55 Topology — The Projective Plane 2.20 Ecology — Succession
2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 43 of the Indian epic in 91 parts
3.20 Animation Now. *The Legend of John Henry.* Cartoon version of the classic American folk tale
3.30 Film: On Dangerous Ground (1951, b/w). The first film in this afternoon's Nicholas Ray double-bill is an excellent film noir with a difference. Robert Ryan stars as Jim Wilson, a tough policeman becoming increasingly disturbed and traumatised by his work. His violent handling of suspects eventually lands him an assignment in snowy upstate New York hunting for a sex killer. There he comes across blind Ida Lupino and her mentally retarded brother and Wilson's life begins to change. Produced by Orson Welles's one-time associate John Houseman, later to become a considerable screen actor himself. Also stars Ward Bond, Ed Begley, Cleo Moore and Charles Kemper. Directed by Nicholas Ray
4.50 Film: Rebel Without a Cause (1955). The classic youth rebellion movie that provided James Dean with the role for which he will be forever associated. He stars as a troubled teenager in conflict with his well-to-do parents, his contemporaries and the police. Dean's somewhat mannered performance led critics to compare him with a younger Marlon Brando, yet Nicholas Ray also deserves much credit for his incisive direction, as do the fine supporting cast. Also stars Jim Backus, Natalie Wood, Ann Doran, Sal Mineo and Dennis Hopper. (Ceefax)
6.40 Late Again. Repeat of some of the best features from the week's *The Late Show*
7.25 News with Lynette Lithgow. Weather

Chapter and verse of historical events: A.J.P. Taylor (7.40pm)

7.40 How Wars Begin: The First Modern War — From French Revolution to French Empire.

● CHOICE: BBC2 is repeating all seven of the lectures the late, great historian A.J.P. Taylor gave back in 1977, and tonight's — *From French Revolution to French Empire* — is the first. The man was, of course, a marvel. No script, no studio set, no gesturing hand; just a mild-mannered old fellow with polka-dot bow tie under his solemn chin, encapsulating whole chapters of history in a sentence ("Madame de Pompadour called Louis XV 'France' even when she was in bed with him"); only rarely having to correct himself ("In 1791 — sorry, 1792"); and amusing without making an exhibition of it ("After Napoleon had taken Moscow, he planned to march straight on to India — which I think was a bit ambitious!"). It was a master stroke on Taylor's part to bring down the curtain on Napoleon with that line from Elizabeth Barrett Browning about kings creeping out "to feel the sun again"

8.15 The Civil War: Forever Free.

● *CHOICE: Even though we have now reached episode three of* Ken Burns's unprecedented rewaging on television of the American civil war, there is as yet no diminution of the power this series has to shock us and move us, and although it has now become a commonplace to express astonishment at the quality of the photographs that are assembled week after week, the achievement should continue to be acknowledged because this *pictorial record of an Armageddon was entirely without precedent.* The third episode takes in the events that led to the emancipation of the slaves in the Confederate states, including the bloodiest day in American military history — the Battle of Antietam (2,108 Union dead and 10,293 wounded or missing; and 10,318 Confederates dead and missing).

9.15 Golf: The US Masters 1991. Steve Rider introduces live coverage from the Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia. Commentary by Peter Alliss and Bruce Critchley.
11.45 Twin Peaks. A repeat of Tuesday's episode in which agent Cooper (Kyle MacLachlan) reveals the truth about his former FBI partner, Windom Earle. (Ceefax) Ends at 12.40am

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Ghost Train. Children's magazine programme with music, games and cartoons presented by Frances Dodge, Sabra Williams and Gerard. The guests include Dannii Minogue, who sings her latest single
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The *Vintage Video* slot features Ashford and Simpson
12.30 Saint & Greavsie. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves preview tomorrow's FA Cup semi-finals
1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 1.05 LWT News and weather
1.10 Grand Sportsmasters. Sporting quiz hosted by Dickie Davies
1.40 World Sport Special with coverage of the week's big sports news stories and profiles of top sporting names. Followed by The Day
2.15 Matlock: The Therapist. Andy Griffith plays shrewd defence attorney Ben Matlock who joins forces with daughter Charlene (Linda Purl) and private investigator Tyler Hudson (Kene Holliday) to defend the innocent by unveiling the guilty
3.10 Film: Nurse on Wheels (1963, b/w) starring Juliet Mills and Ronald Lewis. Sentimental comedy adventures of a young district nurse. Directed by Gerald Thomas, who made the *Carry Ons.*
4.45 Results Service presented by Elton Welsby.
5.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 5.05 LWT News and weather
5.15 The Winjin Pom. Bizarre comedy series from the *Spitting Image* stable
5.45 MacGyver: Jack of Lies. Action-packed drama series starring Richard Dean Anderson as American secret agent and science boffin Steve MacGyver, this week hot on the heels of a former CIA agent who plans to steal a missile piece by piece with the intention of selling it on the black market
6.40 Davro. Bobby Davro performs his A-Z of impersonations and chairs a lively topical debate as Sir Robin (Day) of Sherwood, aided by fellow mimics Caroline Dennis, Phil Nice and Ainsley Harriott and guest, musical director Andy Street
7.10 You Bet! *Matthew Kelly and Ellis Ward host the game show* in which celebrity guests place wagers on whether members of the public can accomplish their chosen task. Magician Geoffrey Durham, actress Trudie Goodwin of *The Bill* and weatherman Ian McCaskill challenge, among others, three London unicyclists to keep a ping-pong ball in perpetual motion and 50 members of the Junior Leaders Gymnastic Display from Chippenham to somersault on to a small table and stay there
8.10 Perfect Scoundrels: Oh, the Sisters of Mercy. Peter Bowles and Bryan Murray return as the lovably roguish con men Guy Buchanan and Harry Cassidy, forced to beat a hasty retreat when the Stitch Brothers, victims of one of their scams, send in the heavies. Lying low in Ireland, the rascals buy a number of rare masterpiece paintings from a convent at considerably below their value, but it is the nuns who have the last laugh. (Oracle)
9.10 News with Sue Carpenter. Sport and weather 9.25 LWT Weather

Terrorism on Glasgow's streets: James MacPherson (9.30pm)

9.30 Taggart — The Movie: Flesh and Blood. Feature-length drama starring Mark McManus as Glasgow's Det Chief Insp Taggart. When a cache of explosives falls into the wrong hands, there is the horrific prospect of terrorist activity on the streets of Glasgow as the city prepares for Christmas. The brutal killing of a young social *worker involved in bizarre role-playing games* only serves to deepen the mystery for Taggart and Det Sergeant Jardine (James MacPherson) (r). (Oracle)
11.55 Film: House (1986). Unintentionally amusing thriller starring William Katt as a horror writer who tries to exorcise his nightmares about Vietnam by writing about his experiences. Meanwhile, his son vanishes and he is haunted by clichéd Vietnam flashbacks and *attacked by animated garden tools. With George Wendt* and Jay Lenz. Directed by Steve Miner
1.40am Dirty Dancing: Live in Concert. A concert filmed in Los Angeles featuring music, songs and dances from the film *Dirty Dancing.*
3.30 Adventure. Video collage of adventurous types
4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Disco news, music and fashion
5.00 The Twilight Zone: The *Mind of Simon Foster. Classic cult series* journeying beyond time, space and the imagination. Down on his luck, Simon Foster agrees to sell everything he owns, including his memories. With Bruce Weitz and Geza Kovacs (r)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book. Cartoons 7.30 The People's Game. Bruce H narrates the story of football (r) 8.00 Trans World Sport
9.00 News summary followed by 9.04 Channel Four Racin Morning line. Last week's highlights and a preview of racing action 9.25 Sing and Swing. Vintage jazz from the and Forties (r)
9.30 Same Difference. Series on disabled matters (r) 10.00 F All. Public access series (r)
10.30 Wagon Trail (b/w). Fifties western series starring Ward B
11.30 World League of American Football. Highlights from the Monarchs' game against Orlando Thunder
12.30 The Munsters (b/w) (r)
1.00 Race Against the Wind. Documentary about a 500-mile jou six intrepid adventurers, from Alaska to Vancouver, i catamarans (r)
2.00 Film: Romeo and Juliet. (1936, b/w).

● CHOICE: George Cukor, director of MGM's expensive homage to the Bard, was echoing the thoughts of ar Shakespeare addicts in the Thirties when he said of his movie that if only he could direct it all over again, he would garlic and the Mediterranean into it. He conceded (how co possibly have denied it?) that his star-crossed lovers, pla Leslie Howard and Norma Shearer, were too stodgy. And, he was too much of a gentleman to admit it, they were both old. How does Cukor's *Romeo and Juliet* look and sound 5 later? It looks elegant and tasteful and waxworky. It soun Verona had been taken over by a school of elocution. But a we can hear every word that's spoken. And that, in these c cinema mumblers, is no small blessing

4.20 The Memphis Belle (b/w). William Wyler's classic secon war documentary about the last bombing raid of the Fortress, Memphis Belle, which inspired the recent film ada of the same name
5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext)
6.30 News summary and weather followed by Banned: Right to Special. Rory McGrath presents a special edition of the se investigate Channel Four's record on censorship. (Oracle)
7.00 Sound Stuff: The Listening. High quality programme for lovers whose brows are of different heights. Tonight's examines the processes involved in listening to music attempts to discover why we like certain melodies and not Musical contributions from the Stan Tracy Quartet, Yolande the St Paul's Choir and the Allegri String Quartet
8.00 The A-Z of Censorship. A glimpse at censorship
8.05 Banned: Frontline — The Search for Truth in Wartime. Dir Award winner John Pilger traces the changing face reporting from Crimea through to Vietnam, with a special po on the Gulf war (r). (Teletext)
9.05 thirtysomething: Life Class. More "real life" hand-wringin the lovable "thirtysomethings" who are not afraid to show emotions. (Teletext)

Coffee lovers: Lynsey Baxter and Adrian Rawlins (10.0

10.00 4-Play: Seduction.

● CHOICE: Whether these are short stories or plays academic point. But anyway, there are four of them, all handers, all written by novelists of repute, and two of the Jenny Diski's *Ultimate Object of Desire*, and Marina Warner's *Me More* — are little gems. Diski has wrung a wry variation o the theme of the aphrodisiac properties of coffee, episod explored in a ridiculous television commercial. Tonight's lover nicely played by Adrian Rawlins and Lynsey Baxter. Warner written a haunting miniature about devotion which has drawn *exquisite performances from June Barrie as a dead sa* daughter and Phoebe Nicholls as an unusually sympath journalist. The other two playlets are Edmund White's *Wishers*, with a homosexual theme, and Geoff Dyer's *Beautiful*, which discovers passionate resonances in the saxophone

11.15 Banned: Film — The Ear (1969). Channel Four is showing banned Czech *films which were made during the brief Pra* Spring of the Sixties. *The Ear* is a film about terror. It is the story of how one of the top communist functionaries, who disappeared in the Stalinist witch-hunts, was arrested. Directe Karel Kachyna. Ends at 1.00am

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Elephant Boy 6.30 The Flying Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Bionic Woman 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Combat 2.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 3.00 Monkey 4.00 Big Hawaii 5.00 The Magician 6.00 Parker Lewis Can't Lose 6.30 The Addams Family 7.00 Live-In 7.30 In Living Color 8.00 China Beach 9.00 Designing Women 9.30 Murphy Brown 10.00 Superstars of Wrestling 11.00 The Happening 12.30am Monsters 1.00 A Twist in the Tale 2.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra satellite.
News on the hour
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Health Circuit 9.30 Newsline 10.30 Health Circuit 11.30 The Reporters 1.30pm Getaway 2.30 Fashion TV 3.30 Those Were the Days 4.30 Health Circuit 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 The Reporters 7.30 Fashion TV 8.30 Getaway 10.30 The Reporters 11.30 Fashion TV 12.30am The Reporters 1.30 Getaway 2.30 Health Circuit 3.30 Our World 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY NEWS

● *Via the Marcopolo satellite.*
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Health Circuit 9.30 Newsline 10.30 Health Circuit 11.30 The Reporters 1.30pm Opera: Meyerbeer's L'Africaine 4.30 Three Plays by Samuel Beckett 7.30 Ballet. Alvin Ailey 10.30 Jazz: Sarah Vaughn — Live at the Forum 11.30 Fashion TV 12.30am The Reporters 1.30 Getaway 2.30 Health Circuit 3.30 Our World 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl at 7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Our Family Honour (1986): Gritty drama about police corruption in the New York police department
10.00 Top Cat and the Beverly Hills Cats: Cartoon starring the alley cats
12.00 The Time Bandits (1981): Terry Gilliam's fantasy-comedy adventure about a band of time-travelling dwarves
2.00pm Heartbreak Hotel (1989): When Elvis Presley fan Tuesday Weld falls ill, her *children kidnap the King (David Keith)*
4.00 Arthur II — On the Rocks (1988): Arthur (Dudley Moore) loses his fortune and has to get a job
6.00 Incident at Dark River (1989): A blue-collar worker's daughter is taken ill after playing near a polluted river. Starring Michael Farrell
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Cookie (1989): Gangster Peter Falk teams up with his daughter Cookie (Emily Lloyd) to retrieve a cache of money
10.00 Hellraiser (1987): An inventive horror movie from the British novelist Clive Barker, originally to be titled *Sado-Masochists from Another Dimension*
11.35 Angel II — Avenging Angel (1985): The former prostitute takes to the mean streets of *Hollywood Boulevard* to avenge the murder of her saviour cop
1.05am Hearts of Fire (1987): A teenage girl flies to England to record a solo album. Starring Bob Dylan, Rupert Everett and Fiona Flanagan
2.45 Vengeance the Demon (1987): A father enlists the help of a witch to avenge the death of his son. Starring Lance Henriksen, Jeff East and John DiAquino
4.10 The Best of Times (1986). Robin Williams persuades Kurt Russell to stage a rematch of a high school football game. Ends at 5.50

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Children's Programming 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 Mobil 1 Motorsport 9.30 Judo World Masters 10.00 Three-Cushion Billiards 11.00 Saturday Alive: Grand Prix Sailing from Melbourne. Volvo Skiing: World Cup Short Track Ice Skating: Hong Kong Sevens; Post Championship Ice-skating Gala, Tennis 5.45pm BOC Round the World Yacht Race Update 6.00 Motor Sport 7.00 Australian Rules Football 8.00 Ringside 10.00 Stock-Car Racing 11.00 Speed Skating 12.00 Three-Cushion Billiards 1.00am Dog Racing

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.45am Citroën Ski Europe 8.45 US Pro Ski Tour Slalom 9.30 Moto News 10.00 Motor Sport Nascar 12.00 Stop-Mud and Monsters 1.00pm Argentinian Football 2.00 NBA Basketball 4.00 Powersports International 5.00 Show Jumping 6.00 Update: Tennis ATP 8.00 Motor Sport F3 8.30 Weekend Live' Golf 11.00 Argentinian Football 12.00 Fight Night at the Forum 1.30am Mobil 1 Rally Challenge 2.00 NBA Basketball 4.00 NHL Ice Hockey 6.00 Skate America

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Johnny Ringo 12.30pm The Bill Dana *Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.50 He* Shoots! He Scores! 2.45 Spain Spain Holiday 3.00 World Class Championship Wrestling 4.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 6.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
1.05pm Funeral in Berlin (1966): The first of two sequels to the *Ipcress File*, starring Michael Caine as Harry Palmer
2.50 Side by Side (1988): Veteran comedians Milton Berle, Sid Caesar and Danny Thomas team up to run a clothing company
4.25 Daisy Miller (1974): An adaptation of Henry James's novel about an American girl (Cybill Shepherd), who flaunts 19th century social conventions while on *holiday in Rome*
6.00 Oliver's Story (1978): Sequel to *Love Story*, starring Ryan O'Neal
8.00 Henry V (1989): Kenneth Branagh and Emma Thompson star in Branagh's screen adaptation of Shakespeare's play
10.15 BAT 21 (1988): Gene Hackman stars in the true story of a fighter pilot, shot down behind Vietcong lines
12.00 *Hollow Point* (1987): A therapist (Linda Purl) stumbles upon three murders
1.35am Slamdance (1987): A cartoonist is framed for the murder of a prostitute
3.15 The Devil's Brigade (1968): Second world war drama about the friction between a group of maverick American GIs fighting alongside Canadian troops. Ends at 5.25

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
10.00am Matchroom League Snooker 12.00 Australian Rugby League 2.00pm Tuff Trax 3.00 Live US Masters Golf 5.00 NWA Wrestling 6.00 Red Line 7.00 FA Cup Semi-Final Preview 8.00 Sports Channel Special: Ringside; Live US Masters Golf 12.30am *Scottish Football Magazine*

REGIONAL VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.40pm McCloud: Showdown at the End of the World 3.00-4.45 The Ngaio Marsh Mysteries: Died In The Wool 5.45-6.40 The A-Team 11.55 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.25am Sparrow 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Nascar 5.00-5.30 Peppino

BORDER
As London except: 1.40pm The Silk Road 2.40-4.45 Rugby League - Live: Leeds v Wigan 5.45-6.40 The A-Team 12.00 Magnum 1.00am *Mr Manhattan* - Woody Allen 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics - The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.10pm Out of Limits 2.15 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 2.40-4.45 Film: The Kid From Brooklyn 5.45-6.40 The A-Team 1.45am CinemAttractions 2.20 Hudson Confidential *2.50 Casey Kasem's Rock & Roll Goldmine* 3.45 American College Football 4.45-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRAMPIAN
As London except: 1.45pm Beathe 'n Fhasaich 2.15 Crann Tara 2.50 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.50-4.45 Corona- [illegible] *The A-Team* 12.00 Philip Marlowe - Private Eye 1.00am Mr Manhattan - Woody Allen 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics - The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

GRANADA
As London except: 1.40pm The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 2.35-4.45 Rugby *League - Live: Leeds v Wigan 5.45-6.40* The A-Team 12.00 Philip Marlowe - Private Eye 1.00am Mr Manhattan - Woody Allen 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics - The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.40pm The Young Riders 2.40-4.45 Film: High Tide at Noon' 5.45-6.40 The A-Team 11.55 Hardball 12.50am Film: Mommie Dearest 3.10 New Music 4.10 Raw Power 5.05-5.30 Cover Story: Chaka Khan

TSW
As London except: 1.40pm The South West Week 2.10-3.10 Return of the Monster Trucks 11.55 Matlock 1.00am Mr Manhattan - Woody Allen 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics - The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

TVS
As London except: 1.40pm Motorsport [illegible] Grizzly Adams 3.05-4.45 Film: Colour Scheme 5.45-6.40 The A-Team 1.40am America's Top Ten 2.10 CinemAttractions 2.40 American College Football 3.40 Adventure Bound 4.35 Night Gallery 5.00-5.30 Rallycross

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.40pm The Life and *Times of Grizzly Adams 2.35-4.45 Rugby* League - Live: Leeds v Wigan 5.45-6.40 The A-Team 11.55 The New Avengers 1.00am Mr Manhattan - Woody Allen 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics - The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

ULSTER
As London except: 1.40pm Superstars of Wrestling 2.40 The A-Team 3.40 Munsters Today 4.10-4.45 Blockbusters 5.45-6.40 Magnum 12.00 Philip Marlowe - Private Eye 1.00am Mr Manhattan - Woody Allen 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics - The Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.40pm McCloud 2.35 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 3.05-4.45 Ngaio Marsh Mysteries 5.45-6.40 The A-Team 11.55 Soccer Special 12.50am The Equalizer 1.50 Backstage 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Police Precinct 4.55

S4C
Starts: 6.00am Comic Book 7.3 People's Game 8.00 Trans World Spor News 9.04 C4 Racing 9.25 Sing and S 9.30 Same Difference 10.00 The Ga Club 10.30 Free For All 11.00 The Paint World 11.30 Citizen 2000 12.00 Jone Ross 12.30pm Sumo 1.00 World Le American Football 2.00 Film: Romeo Juliet" 4.20 The Memphis Belle Brookside 6.30 Newyddion 6.40 Ga 8.30 Y Maes Chwarae 9.30 Film: Carav 11.15 The Ear 1.10am Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 9.00am Scratch Saturday 1. Chips 1.50 New followed by The Liber 2.45 Beyond 2000 3.30 Stan Laurel Film: The Corsican Brothers 5.30 Turpin 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News Mailbag 6.40 Never The Twain 7. Trek: The Next Generation 8.00 Eco 9.00 News 9.20 Agatha Christie's Marple 10.20 Kenny Live 11.40 Film Mysterious Two 1.20 News 1.25 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 12.30pm News 12.34 Sports um 5.10 Cousteau: Rediscovery World 6.00 Death Valley Days 6.30 tain 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 The Mind 8.0 8.10 Fire and Steel 8.30 Golf 11.0 Murder by Decree 1.05 Close

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Jenny Costello 7.00 The Mike Read Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 Don't Believe the Hype (new series). Gimmicks! In a three-part series, John Sugar examines *the origins of hype in the music industry 3.00 The Saturday Sequence with Richard Skinner* 7.00 The Saturday Rock Show with Tommy Vance 10.00 In Concert: Robert Cray, recorded at London's Hammersmith Odeon in January 11.00-2.00am John Peel

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden: The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight 7.45-8.00 Take 2! (r) 8.05 Ronnie Hilton with Sounds of the Fifties 9.00 Brian Matthew with Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 Eve Pollard 12.00 Gerald Harper: Saturday Selection 1.30pm The News Huddlines (r) 2.00 Jeremy Nicholas: A musical *anthology on rivers* 3.00 Country Greats in Concert: Loretta Lynn *(r)* 4.00 The John Dunn Interview: The Dalai Lama (r) 4.30 Chris Stuart and Friends 5.00 Cinema 2 with Charles Nove 5.30 Screenplay (r) 6.00 Encore with Dave Gelly *(r)* 7.00 Jazz Score from the 100 Club, London 7.30 BBC Concert Orchestra: Tour of Germany 1990. James Lockhart conducts Rossini, Schumann and Beethoven (r) 9.00 The Magic That Is Music 9.30 Easy Does It 10.00 The Radio 2 Arts Programme with Sheridan Morley 12.05am It's a Funny Business: Maurice Denham, the radio, film, television and theatre actor, talks about his career *(r)* 12.30 Colin Berry with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 Sport 9.02 On Your Marks, incl 10.00, 11.00 News; Sport 12.00 News; Sport 12.04pm Sport on 4 Plus 1 (broadcast on Radio 4 at 9.05am) 12.30pm Sportscall: Phone-in quiz. Tel: 0345 909 693 1.30 Sport on 5, with Jon Inverdale. Football: Barclays League; Golf — US Masters; Rugby Union — reports from the Courage League in England and the Heineken League in Wales 5.00 Sports Report 6.00-11.00 As Radio 4, incl at 10.00-10.15 Sports Bulletin 11.00 Sport 11.15 European Concert 12.00-12.15am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30am The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Weather and Travel News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours; News Summary 8.30 From the Weeklies 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 World News 10.05 Waveguide 10.15 Worldbrief 10.30 Personal View 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.15 Club 648 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 World News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Multitrack 3 1.45 Sports Roundup *2.00 Newshour 3.00 News Summary 3.01 Sportsworld 4.00* World News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 4.59 Travel News 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 Letter from America 6.15 BBC English 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 World News 8.05 Write On... 8.15 Londres Derniere 8.30 Club 648 8.45 From the Weeklies 9.00 World News 9.09 Personal View 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.05 Short Story 11.20 Jazz for the Asking 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 World News 12.05am Words of Faith 12.10 Book Choice 12.15 A Jolly Good Show 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Play of the Week: A Man For All Seasons 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Tampering with the Past 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent 4.30 Write On... 4.45 News and Features in German

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Kreisler (Slavonic Fantasy on Songs My Mother Taught Me: Oscar Shumsky, violin, Milton Kaye, piano); Boccherini (Cello Concerto in G, G 480: German Chamber Academy Neuss, with Johannes Goritzki, cello)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Sarasate (Carmen Fantasy: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Lawrence Foster, with Itzhak Perlman, violin); Liszt (Consolations: Jorge Bolet, piano); Haydn (Symphony No 100 in G, military: London Philharmonic Orchestra under Georg Solti)
8.30 News
8.35 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under En Shao, with Peter Katin, piano, performs Glinka (Overture, Ruslan and Ludmilla); Grieg (Peer Gynt, *Suite No 1; Piano Concerto)*
9.30 Saturday Review, with Edward Greenfield. Record Review — Building a Library: Roderick Swanston on Handel's Water Music; Stephen Johnson reviews two new versions of Shostakovich's Preludes and *Fugues and 20th century* chamber music. 10.40 Record Release: Shostakovich (Two Preludes and Fugues: Tatiana Nikolayevich, piano); Vivaldi (Flute Concertos, Op 10, 1 and 2: Orchestra of St John's, Smith Square under Lubbock, with *Robert Stallman, flute*); Imogen Holst (String Quartet No 1: Brindisi Quartet); Bach (Trio Sonata in C, BWV 529: Hans Fagius, organ); Szymanowski (Three Myths, Op 30: Lydia Mordkovich, violin, Marina Gusak-Grin, *piano*); Bantock (Celtic Symphony: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Vernon Handley); Beethoven (Sonata in E, Op 109: Myra Hess, piano)
12.55pm Words: Clement Freud believes it is not what you eat, *it is how you describe it*
1.00 News
1.05 Juilliard String Quartet performs Mozart (Quartet in A, K 464); Elliott Carter (Quartet No 2) (r)
2.10 Studio 7 Concert: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under *Elgar Howarth, with Håkan* Hardenberger, trumpet, performs Bax (Overture to a Picaresque Comedy); Michael Blake Watkins (Trumpet Concerto); Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 8 in D minor) (r)
3.30 Music for Organ from Waltham Abbey. Graham Elliott plays Ian Parrott (Suite No 2); Mendelssohn (Sonata No 4)
4.00 Tuning Up: Members of the *Orlando Consort and their* adviser, Daniel Leech Wilkinson, talk to Chris de Souza about their approach to medieval vocal music. With music by Perotin, Compère, Philippe de Vitry and anon
5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Charles Fox
5.45 Third Opinion, with Christopher Cook. Harriet Gilbert and Michael Ratcliffe review *Carmen Jones* at the Old Vic; *Outside the Dog Museum*, a novel by Jonathan Carroll; and James Lapine's film, *Impromptu*
6.30 Tosca: Chorus and Orchestra of the New York Metropolitan Opera House under Placido Domingo perform Act 1 of Puccini's three-act opera. With Maria Guleghina, soprano, as Tosca; Neil Shicoff, tenor, as Cavaradossi; James Morris, baritone, as Scarpia; Italo Tajo, bass, as Sacristan; Jeffrey Wells, bass, as Angelotti; Anthony Laciura, tenor, as Spoletta; Russell Christopher, bass, as Sciarrone; and Richard Vernon, bass, as Jailer. 7.20 Met Moments. A 1977 talk by John Culshaw on *Tosca.* 7.45 Act 2. 8.35 The Opera Quiz. A panel of opera buffs are quizzed by the American musicologist Edward Downes with questions sent in by American listeners to the Met relays. 9.00 Act 3
9.35 Issues, with Paul Barker (r)
10.00 Nash Ensemble under Ian Brown performs Martinů (La Revue de cuisine); Dvořák (Serenade for wind, Op 44); Brahms (Serenade No 1, Op 11 — original version for chamber ensemble, reconstructed Boustead)
11.30 John Lenehan: The pianist plays Hummel (Rondo ongarese, Six Bagatelles, Op 107 No 6); Wolfgang Rihm (Ländler, 1979); Schumann (Abegg Variations, Op 1).
12.00 News
12.05am Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
6.00am News Briefing; Weather 6.10 The Farming Week 6.50 Prayer for the Day 7.00 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway: Ken Bruce with travel and holiday news
10.00 News; Loose Ends, with Ned Sherrin and guests (s)
11.00 News; *Talking Politics:* James Naughtie presents the second of two programmes portraying more than half a century of parliamentary life through the eyes of MPs who are retiring at the next general election. They include Sir Geoffrey Howe, Denis Healey, Michael Foot, Cecil Parkinson and Sir Bernard Braine
11.30 Europhile: Max Easterman looks behind the headlines in the European papers
12.00 Money Box, with Louise Botting and Vincent Duggleby
12.25pm The News Quiz: Barry Took quizzes Richard Ingrams, Alan Coren and guests on the week's news (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Calver, Derbyshire, by Donald Dewar, MP; Janet Cohen; Martin Jacques; and Sir George Young (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4411. Listeners can ring Jonathan Dimbleby with their views on the issues raised in *Any Questions?*
2.30 Saturday Playhouse: Still Waters. In Ray Ball's comic sequel to *An Englishman's Home*, Colin (Christopher Godwin) gives up his caravan for a life on the canal, but his wife (Brigit Forsyth) fears that he may be suffering from hydrophobia
4.00 News; The Living World: April in Orkney. Michael Scott returns with a new series of the nature programme and takes a spring trail round Orkney
4.30 Science Now
5.00 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to John Tovey, the cook and cookery writer (r)
5.25 Week Ending (s) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News; Sports Round-Up
6.25 Citizens: Omnibus editi
7.10 Stop the Week (s)
7.45 Classic Serial: The Mill Floss

● CHOICE: Episode on George Eliot's 1860 cla which Maggie Tulliver f to feed the rabbits, cut hair, upsets most of he relatives, frightens poo and goes off to be a gy More incident, more sh observation of middle c provincial life than can found in a dozen plays today — and certainly humour. Full marks to Michelene Wandor's adaptation, especially keeping lines such as wrathful Mrs Glegg's p down of Mr Glegg: "H are for putting everythi Superlatively acted an drowned by backgrou music, this is bound t addictive once you sta listen (s)

8.45 Kaleidoscope: Reasse Blues. Nick Baker sam National Blues Festiva Burnley, Lancashire, a to fans who recall how first got the blues (s)
9.15 Music in Mind (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten, led by Ca Graham James (s) 9. Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Open Mind: John Llo the last discussion p of the series
10.45 Letter from . . . The L Tim Llewellyn examin differences between northern Arabs and t cousins (r)
11.00 Richard Baker Comp Notes with Gabrielle Anne-Louise Lane of Sax (s) (r)
11.30 The World of Dowie: new world, created presented by John With Jim Sweeney, Steen, Cathryn Harr the Ronnie Golden Band. Last in the se
12.00-12.30am News, incl Weather 12.33 Ship

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BBC 1

of Faith. The difficulties that were faced

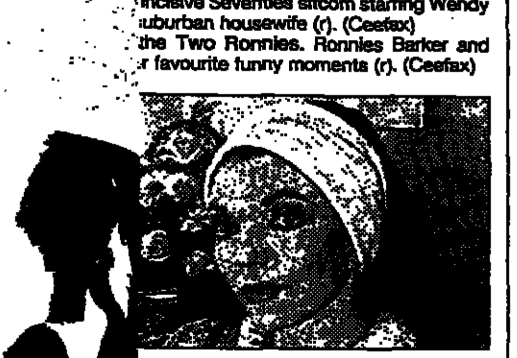
and reflections concerning forgiveness
Benchill, Wythenshawe
aths help for adults. Wales (to 11.45): See
r (r)
next Sunday's census will reflect deaf

en reports on the worries of American

The Road To Wembley. History is made
mi-final played at Wembley kicks off,
e north London giants — Arsenal and
troduced by Desmond Lynam with
vies and Trevor Brooking
ition (r). (Ceefax)
The Road to Wembley. The second FA
Nottingham Forest v West Ham from Villa
b Wilson with commentary from John
ton

t: The Making of American Friends.
out, the incomplete nature of the diary
dfather, an Oxford don, was a mixed
lin, formerly of *Monty Python's Flying*
magine what *might* have happened to his
e with the young American girl he met on
itzerland. As Palin says in this blatant
rican Friends, the diary-inspired film that
ic ancestor could have ended up as a
married to a gorilla impersonator. And
probably what *would* have happened if
Python behind him. Instead, *American*
it we see tonight, is a charming period
riter who is described by his producer as
ground of the *Monty Python* circus
Weather
Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church,

incisive Seventies sitcom starring Wendy
uburban housewife (r). (Ceefax)
the Two Ronnies. Ronnies Barker and
r favourite funny moments (r). (Ceefax)



of Noël Coward: Joan Collins (8.30pm)

Across the Sea.
ut not so late that all she can play is stiff
late of *Dynasty*, has acquired an appetite
most keen that we should know about it.
s thus far done much for her professional
e than one respected critic thought she
in the West End last year in *Private Lives*.
owardly on television, in eight short plays,
he Sea is the first, and it must be said that
show in this wafer-thin comedy about a
istakes the identity of two of the wetter
, Miriam Margolyes) who are blown about
e creates. Miss Collins looks stunning (a)
ething pink. She fetchingly paints her toe-

. (Ceefax) Weather
ffairs series
alist subjects are the geography of New
er, the films of John Ford and the
poetry in the 20th century
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e new Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt
cts himself to the scrutiny of psychiatrist

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. The spotlight illuminates two former City
he rat race, set up shop as purveyors of
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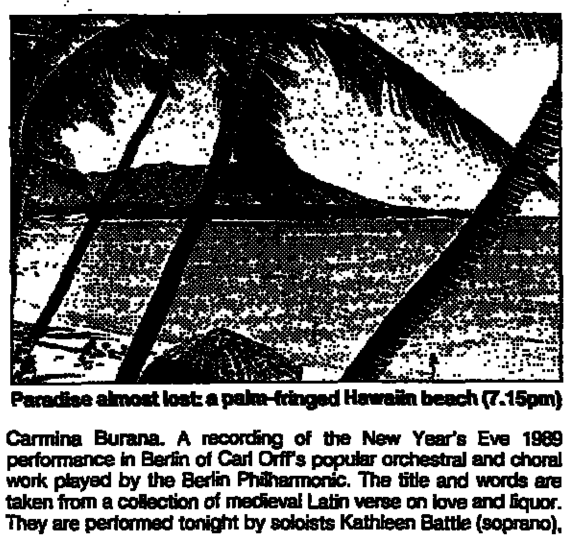
Weather

BBC 2

6.35 Open University
12.00 See Hear! Special: Bookmark. A repeat showing of the programme about deaf poet David Wright, with subtitles and signing for the hard of hearing
12.50 Small World: Miniature Furniture. One of the finest furniture makers in the world is to be found in Sussex — Denis Hillman (r)
1.00 Open University: Curriculum and Learning — Learning to Learn
1.25 Film: The Black Widow (1954). Thriller set among the rich and famous in New York. Van Heflin stars as Broadway producer Peter Denver who meets a young, aspiring playwright (Peggy Ann Garner) who establishes herself in his apartment in order to write. When she is found murdered Denver becomes the prime suspect. George Raft appears as the investigating cop and Ginger Rogers goes to town as theatre actress Lottie Marin. The film fails to deliver the promise of its early scenes. With Gene Tierney and Reginald Gardiner. Directed by Nunnally Johnson
3.00 Film: Thousands Cheer (1943). Star-packed, lively MGM musical starring Gene Kelly as a US Army private who falls for Kathryn Grayson when she visits the base to stage an all-star variety show. Unfortunately for him, she is also the colonel's daughter. A fairly shameless excuse to collect together as many MGM contract stars as possible and then give them only a few minutes to do their thing — very much in the style of the *Big Broadcast* series of the Thirties. As usual, the surrounding story amounts to very little. Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland, Lena Horne and June Allyson are among those appearing. Also stars old-timers John Boles and Mary Astor. Directed by George Sidney
5.00 Rugby Special. Chris Rea introduces highlights from the crucial Orrell v Wasps game, plus a visit to Melrose in Scotland, home of the Sevens. Commentary by Bill McLaren and Nigel Starmer-Smith. Wales: Llanelli v Swansea and Neath v Pontypool. Northern Ireland: AIB Senior Challenge Cup semi-finals
6.00 Clive James Interview. Clive James chats to author Shere Hite, whose controversial reports on male and female sexuality influenced an entire generation
6.35 The Money Programme: Flying Doctor. David James is a trouble-shooter hired by bankers to help ailing companies put their affairs in order. Dan Air, once the reigning king of chartered airlines, was one such institution. Presented by Rory Cellan-Jones
7.15 Natural World: Hawaii — Beyond the Feathered Gods.
● CHOICE: Homo sapiens emerges, regularly and depressingly, as the villain of the piece whenever someone makes a film about endangered species (see also *Fragile Earth*, Channel 4, 7.00pm). If man is not the great despoiler in fact, he's the great destroyer in intention, and he appears in both roles in Paul Atkins's and Grace Niska Atkins's fine film about a Polynesian paradise that is almost, but not quite, lost. The rainforests are just about the only areas of the Hawaiian islands that have escaped human depredation, and appropriately it is here that the world's rarest bird (pronounced o-hol, as if exulting in its defiance of the rest of the world) enjoys his mostly invisible life. There is a supreme irony in this film that will not escape you: some wildlife species in the Hawaiian islands depend on humans for their survival. (Ceefax)



Paradise almost lost: a palm-fringed Hawaiin beach (7.15pm)

8.05 Carmina Burana. A recording of the New Year's Eve 1989 performance in Berlin of Carl Orff's popular orchestral and choral work played by the Berlin Philharmonic. The title and words are taken from a collection of medieval Latin verse on love and liquor. They are performed tonight by soloists Kathleen Battle (soprano), Frank Lopardo (tenor) and Thomas Allen (baritone), with the boys choir of Staats-und-Domchor, Berlin, and the 170-strong Shin-Yu Kai chorus from Tokyo. The orchestra is conducted Seiji Ozawa
9.10 Golf: The US Masters 1991. Live coverage from Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia of the closing holes in the championship, introduced by Steve Rider with commentary from Peter Alliss and Bruce Critchley
12.05am Rapido. A repeat of Wednesday's edition with Antoine de Caunes introducing reports on LA Star, Shezzy and Tarrie B. Special guests are Linda Gail Lewis and [illegible] Ends at 12.40

ITV

6.00 TV-am. Includes, at 8.00, Frost on Sunday. There is a live report from the Turkish border on the plight of the Kurds. The studio guest is Paddy Ashdown, MP. Reviewing the papers are Mark Steyn and Carol Thatcher
9.25 The Disney Family Movie: I-Man, Part 1 (1986). Scott Bakula and Ellen Bry star in a made-for-television sci-fi fantasy about a cab-driver whose encounter with an alien gas makes him impervious to injury. Directed by Corey Allen. Part 2 follows next Sunday
10.15 The Littlest Hobo. Children's drama series
10.45 Link. The story of Caribbean-born Petra Greenaway who came to England as a child, disabled and without her family, but determined to live an independent life
11.00 Morning Worship. Mass from St Augustine's Roman Catholic Church in Darlington
12.00 Visions. Nick Stuart asks why some Roman Catholic priests are not celibate
12.30 LWT News Weekend presented by Anna Maria Ashe, Ed Boyle and Matthew Lorenzo
1.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather
1.10 Walden. Brian Walden interviews John Major the prime minister. Followed by The Day
2.00 Film: Exo-Man (1977). Far-fetched made-for-television sci-fi adventure starring David Ackroyd as a young physics professor left paralysed after an assault. Craving vengeance, he returns to his laboratory to create the exo-suit that will give him the necessary mobility to track down his assailant. With Jose Ferrer and Anna Schedeen. Directed by Richard Irving
3.30 Film: Superman (1978). Christopher Reeve (a terrific screen debut), Marlon Brando, Margot Kidder, Gene Hackman and Susannah York star in the original movie about a baby saved from the exploding planet Krypton who grows up to be a newspaper hack, using his special powers for truth, justice and the American Way. Spectacular entertainment, though mostly notable for the $3 million Brando received for his ten-minute performance. Directed by Richard Donner
6.00 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge game with Jim Bowen
6.30 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather. 6.35 LWT News and weather
6.40 Appeal. Sir David Attenborough with an appeal on behalf of the Haemophilia Society
6.45 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe sings and prays among the personalities of Musselburgh, East Lothian
7.15 Watching. Tepid sitcom starring Paul Bown and Emma Wray as star-crossed lovers Malcolm and Brenda (r). (Oracle)
7.45 The Darling Buds of May. Second part of the comedy drama series based on the novels by H.E. Bates and starring David Jason and Pam Ferris as the heads of the riotous Larkin family. (Oracle)
8.45 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 9.00 LWT Weather

Upper and lower crust: Hugh Laurie and Stephen Fry (9.05pm)

9.05 Jeeves and Wooster. First of a new series of the P.G. Wodehouse tales brought to life by Hugh Laurie and Stephen Fry as the foppish Bertie Wooster and Jeeves his unflappable valet. (Oracle)
10.05 Spitting Image. The latex puppets return for a new series of hit-or-miss satirical swipes at the famous, including John Major's meteoric rise from local comprehensive to Number Ten
10.35 Film: Eleni (1985). Ambitious but disappointing drama starring John Malkovich as Nicholas Gage, a *New York Times* investigative reporter who returns to his childhood home in northern Greece and begins to investigate the betrayal of his mother Eleni (Kate Nelligan) during the civil war 30 years earlier. Also starring Linda Hunt, Oliver Cotton and Ronald Pickup. Directed by Peter Yates
12.45am The ITV Chart Show (r)
1.45 New Music. Videos and celebrity interviews
2.45 Pick of the Week. Highlights from the regions
3.15 Indy Cart World. Sporting action from the United States
4.15 Portrait of America. Hal Holbrook takes a picturesque tour of the United States, this week visiting the state of Michigan
5.15 Adventure. Video collage of adventurous types
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) 7.00 Eureka's Castle 7.30 Foofur 8.00 Sharkey and Georges. A fishy tale 8.30 Betty's Bunch
9.00 California Raisin Show. Vintage songs from the Fifties
9.25 Mahfil. Folk music from the North West Province of Pakistan
10.00 Answering Back. Mary Goldring interviews the Governor of the Bank of England, Robin Leigh-Pemberton (r)
10.45 Dennis 11.00 Boom! (r)
11.30 The Lone Ranger: The Map (b/w) (r) 12.00 The Waltons: The Travelling Man 1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea: Cradle of the Deep (b/w). Vintage underwater adventures (r)
2.00 Film: Jumbo (1952). Spectacular circus musical with Doris Day, Jimmy Durante and Stephen Boyd as a trio setting out to save their circus from rival ring master John Noble (Dean Jagger). Directed by Charles Walters and film musical wonder man Busby Berkeley
4.20 Banned: The Cross. This documentary religious programme discusses the significance of the Cross
5.20 News summary and weather
5.25 Newman: The Search for a Saint. As the Roman Catholic church debates whether to canonise Cardinal John Henry Newman, Rosemary Harthill explores his life and talks to those for and against his canonisation
6.00 Women's Soccer 1991: Women's FA Cup Semi-Finals. Highlights of Millwall v Arsenal and Doncaster v Leasowe
6.30 The Wonder Years: Who's Aunt Rose? Award-winning series about growing up in America in the Fifties

Man threatens his fresh water habitat: an alligator (7.00pm)

7.00 Fragile Earth: The Everglades Rain Machine.
● CHOICE: Worried to death about what greedy Man is doing to the environment? Determined to find out if there's anything we can do about it before it's too late? Here, to deepen your gloom and speed your protest pen is Channel 4's equivalent of BBC2's *The Natural World*, with which it shares the same time-slot. This time, it's the Everglades, the wetlands of southern Florida, that are under threat. Half of them have already gone, victims of plough and bulldozer. The region's complex ecosystem involving animal and plant life depends on vast supplies of fresh water. But these are increasingly being diverted to domestic taps and to slake the thirst of tourist hordes. Added to that, there's the spreading chemical pollution that is affecting even Florida's famed national park. If there is much more of this — and it looks as though there will be — they'll have to take the "ever" out of Everglades (Teletext)
8.00 The A-Z of Censorship: H Is for . . . History, Human Rights, Harassment and Helsinki
8.05 Hard News. This first of a new series looks at examples from recent weeks of how the press has fallen below the standards set down in its own recently agreed Code of Practice
8.35 Banned: The Liberal Conspiracy. A documentary aimed at finding out whether British television is run by liberals who are censoring right-wing views. A programme to satisfy those who consider the media to be a bunch of lefties, the producer Bernard Clark promises "a genuinely right-wing programme"
9.00 The Media Show. Are conspiracy theories a useful way of explaining history, or just a means of selling sensationalised books?
9.45 Banned: thirtysomething — Strangers. A repeat showing of the episode which caused a furore in the States because of a scene showing a gay couple in bed. When first shown in the USA, 15 advertisers withdrew sponsorship valued at $10 million (r)
10.45 Banned: Film — Scum (1979). A gratuitously violent slice of Borstal life, brilliantly filmed and acted. Carlin (Ray Winstone) arrives at Borstal determined to become the new leader of the inmates. Befriending Archer (Mick Ford), Carlin becomes the 'Daddy', culminating in a rising orgy of violence, rape and suicide. The original dramatised version of Roy Minton's condemnation of Borstal life was made by the BBC, but remains, unshown, in its vaults. Directed by Alan Clark
12.25am Banned: Section 28 Two Years On — DV8 Physical Theatre and Neil Bartlett. Two dance works that explore the fear and narrow-mindedness of Section 28. Commissioned by Channel Four's *Signals* programme, both works explore homosexual love. DV8 Physical Theatre created *Never Again*, and Neil Bartlett presents *Who Was That Man?* (r). Ends at 1.10

12.55 I Spy 1.55 Funny Farm 2.25 Film: Thunder Afloat 4.10 The ITV Chart Show 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm Clive's Characters 2.00 HTV Newsweek 2.30-3.30 West Country Sports Special 6.00-6.30 Who's the Boss? 12.40am Kid Creole and the Coconuts 1.45 Festivals of the Far East 2.40 The US Pro Surfing Tour 3.35-5.30 The Hit Man and Her

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 12.30-1.00pm Jimmy's 2.00 Farming Wales 2.30-3.30 Further to My Application

TSW

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm Farming News 2.00 Off the Hook 2.30-3.35 Coronation Street 10.30 Film: Cahill: United States Marshal 12.30am Quiz Night 12.55 I Spy 1.55 The Funny Farm 2.25 Film: Thunder Afloat 4.10 The ITV Chart Show 5.00-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 TVS News followed by Agenda 2.00 Film: Sammy - The Way-Out Seal 2.55 Film: Superman 5.25 Cartoon Time 5.30 Age of the Gun 6.00-6.30 The River Thames 12.40am Lord Mountbatten: The Last Viceroy 1.40 The ITV Chart Show 2.45 The Twilight Zone 3.00 The Munsters Today 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00 The Hit Man and Her 5.00-5.30 A Taste of the South

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.25-1.00pm Breakthrough 2.00 Guinness Records 2.25 The Back Page 2.55 Film: Superman 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 10.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.35 The Making of Dances With Wolves 12.00 An Invitation to Remember 12.30am Quiz Night 1.00 I Spy 2.00 Funny Farm 2.25 Film: Thunder Afloat 4.15 Chart Show 5.05-5.30 Jobs

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30-1.00pm Gardening Time 2.00 Murder, She Wrote 3.00 Film: Superman 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 10.30 GAA Football 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Quiz Night 1.00 I Spy 2.00 The Funny Farm 2.25 Film: Thunder Afloat 4.15 The ITV Chart Show 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.25pm Goals on Sunday 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 2.00 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 2.55 Film: Superman 5.25 Cartoon 5.30 Candid Camera on Australia 6.00-6.30 Coming of Age 10.30 One Night With You 11.35 Scrumdown 12.35am Hooperman 1.05 Pick of the Pick 1.35 The Twilight Zone 2.05 Chart Show 3.05 Family Theatre 4.00 On The Live Side 4.30-5.30 Jobs

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Trans World Sport 7.00 Eureka's Castle 7.30 Foofur 8.00 Sharkey and Georges 8.30 Betty's Bunch 9.00 California Raisin Show 9.25 The Adventures of TinTin 9.30 Boom! 10.00 Answering Back 10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea* 11.45 Gazza's Soccer Skill Show 12.00 The Waltons 12.55pm The Three Stooges* 1.20 Acen 1.30 Bwrw Mlaen 2.00 Fragile Earth 3.00 Cutting Edge 4.00 Film: Theodora Goes Wild* 5.45 Crystal Maze 6.45 A Magic Wand 7.05 Newyddion 7.10 Holi Hwn a Holi Llall 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol 9.00 Dihirod Dyfed 9.45 Ffiniau 10.05 The Media Show 10.45 Film: Scum 12.25am Signals: Section 28 Two Years On 1.15 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 10.30am Chemistry in Flame and Fire 11.00 Service 12.00 American Century 12.50pm Marketplace 1.20 Little House on the Prairie 2.10 News followed by A Growing Freedom 2.45 Film: Unsinkable Molly Brown 5.00 The Shape of the World 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six One Sunday 6.30 The Adventures of the Black Stallion 7.00 The Cosby Show 7.25 School Around the Corner 8.00 Mr H is Late 8.30 Glenroe 9.00 News 9.20 Bringing It All Back Home 10.20 Hanly's People 10.50 Stay Lucky 11.45 News 11.50 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Bailey's Bird 6.30 Castaway 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Eight is Enough 12.00 That's Incredible 1.00pm The New Adventures of Wonder Woman 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 3.00 Those Amazing Animals 4.00 The Love Boat 5.00 Small Wonder 5.30 Sky Star Search 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Hollywood Wives: Part 1 10.00 Falcon Crest 11.00 Entertainment Tonight 12.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra satellite.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 9.00 Sunrise 9.30 Those Were the Days 10.30 Getaway 11.30 The Reporters 1.30pm Target 2.30 Our World 3.30 Getaway 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 The Reporters 7.30 Our World 8.30 Target 10.30 The Reporters 11.30 Our World 12.30am The Reporters 1.30 Target 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 Getaway 4.30 The Reporters

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SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Showcase, incl at 7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Lucky Lady (1975): A Thirties showgirl (Liza Minnelli) becomes involved with two rum-runners (Gene Hackman and Burt Reynolds)
10.00 Switching Channels (1988): Kathleen Turner wants to quit her job as a television news reporter and marry Christopher Reeve. Her producer and ex-husband (Burt Reynolds) has other ideas
12.00 Cold Sassy Tree (1989): Widower Richard Widmark marries Faye Dunaway a few weeks after his first wife's death
2.00pm Not Just Another Affair (1982): Romantic comedy starring Victoria Principal as a career girl looking for Mr Right
3.35 The Best of Carry On Laughing: Highlights from the *Carry On* movies
4.00 Running Mates (1986): The respective fathers of two love-struck teenagers become political rivals
6.00 Trading Hearts (1989): Romantic comedy about a former baseball star (Raul Julia) and a single mother (Beverly D'Angelo)
7.40 Projector
8.00 Erik the Viking (1989): Tim Robbins stars in Terry Jones's adaptation of his own children's book
10.00 Hider in the House (1989): Offbeat thriller starring Gary Busey as a social misfit who, unbeknown to Mimi Rogers, moves into the attic of her family's house
11.50 Hawks (1988): Anthony Edwards and Timothy Dalton star as two terminally ill men who decide to live out the rest of their lives in the brothels of Amsterdam
1.45am The Silent Partner (1978): A bank cashier learns of a robbery in advance and steals part of the takings
4.00 Out of the Body (1988): A researcher has visions of murders as they are being committed. Ends at 5.30

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 Transworld Sport 10.00 Women's Champions Cup Basketball 11.00 Sunday Alive: Equestrianism; Superbouts; World Cup Cycling; Women's European Cup Ice Hockey; Three-Cushion Billiards 6.00pm World League of American Football 9.00 The Game of Billions 10.00 World Cup Cycling 11.00 Equestrianism

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00 Show Jumping 8.00 ATP Tennis 10.00 NHL Ice Hockey 12.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 1.00pm Powersports 2.00 Pro Box 4.00 Golf: The Augusta Masters 5.00 Revs 5.30 British Open Rally Championships 6.00 NHL Ice Hockey 8.00 Motor Sport Rally 9.00 Weekend Live Golf 12.00 Tenpin Bowling

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Johnny Ringo 12.30pm The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.50 The Detectives 2.45 Spain Spain International Cuisine 3.00 World Class Championship Wrestling 4.00 Special: Supermodel of the Year 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
12.30pm Anastasia (1956): Ingrid Bergman is selected by Russian general Yul Brynner to impersonate the Tsar's daughter
2.15 Oklahoma Crude (1973): Faye Dunaway enlists the help of drifter George C. Scott to defend her oil well from business tycoon Jack Palance
4.10 Resurrection (1980): A woman cheats death and gains healing powers
6.00 Everytime We Say Goodbye (1986): Second world war romance between an American GI and an Israeli Jew. Starring Tom Hanks and Cristina Marsillach
8.00 Madame Sousatzka (1988): A Russian piano teacher (Shirley MacLaine) meets her match in a 15-year-old prodigy
10.10 The Accused (1988): An Oscar-winning performance by Jodie Foster as a rape victim, whose fight for justice is taken up by attorney Kelly McGillis
12.00 Macbeth (1971). Roman Polanski's adaptation of Shakespeare's tragic play Starring Jon Finch and Francesca Annis
2.45am Little Fauss and Big Halsy (1970): The tentative relationship between two motorcycling racers (Michael J. Pollard and Robert Redford)
4.05 Steaming (1984): A group of London women meet daily at a steam bath to discuss their lives and loves. Starring Vanessa Redgrave, Sarah Miles, Diana Dors and Patti Love. Ends at 5.40

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
9.00am Motor World 9.30 FA Cup Semi-Final Review 10.30 Scottish Football Magazine 11.30 US Masters Golf 2.00pm Sportrait 2.30 Live Italian Football 5.00 FA Cup Semi-Final 6.15 Live British Rugby League 8.15 FA Cup Semi-Final 9.00 Live US Masters Golf 12.30am Scottish Football Magazine 1.30 FA Cup Semi-Final

RADIO 3

and string orchestra: LPO under Braithwaite, with Trevor Pinnock), Halom (Final, Hommage à Igor Stravinsky: the composer, organ); Schubert (String Quartet in B flat, D 112. Lindsay Quartet); Smetana (Bettina's Polka: Jan Novotny, piano); Sibelius (Two Songs: LSO under Fjeldstad); Karlowicz (Symphonic Poem. Stanislaw et Anna Oswiecimowie: Silesian Philharmonic SO under Salwarowski)
2.30 Chamber Music from Birmingham. Emerson String Quartet performs Haydn (Quartet in E, Op 54 No 3); Bartók (Quartet No 1); Beethoven (Quartet in E minor, Op 59 No 2, Rasumovsky), incl 3.25 Interval Reading
4.25 Poet of the Month. Carol Ann Duffy
4.35 Unusual Virtuosity. Albrechtsberger (Concerto No 1 in D for Jew's harp, mandora and orchestra: Munich CO under Hans Stadlmair)
5.00 Soundings. Michael Oliver explores the world of percussion instruments and their players
6.00 The Easter Garden: Polyphony sings John IV of Portugal (Crux fidelis), Bell (Lord of the Morning); Leighton (Drop, Drop Slow Tears, Now the Green Blade Riseth), Vaughan Williams (I Got Me Flowers), Hadley (My Beloved Spake); Bainton (And I Saw a New Heaven)
7.00 Two Venetians: Albinoni (Concerto in D for two oboes, Op 9 No 12: I Musici, with Heinz Holliger and Maurice Bourgue, oboes), Vivaldi (Psalm 113, Laudate pueri Dominum, RV 602: ECO under Vittorio Negri)
7.30 Sunday Play: Julius Caesar, by William Shakespeare (r)
9.50 Iain Hamilton (Aurora; La Mort de Phèdre: BBC SO under John Pritchard)
10.25 Colin Stone. The pianist plays Beethoven (32 Variations in C minor, WoO 80), Liszt (Harmonies du soir, Transcendental Studies); Debussy (Pour les tierces, Studies Book 1); Stravinsky (Sonata, 1924)
11.05 Orlando Consort performs motets by Philippe de Vitry and songs by Machaut
12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
6.00am News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prelude (s) 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken (s) 6.55 Weather 7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers
7.15 The Living World: April in Orkney. Michael Scott returns with a new series of the nature programme and takes a spring trail round Orkney (r) 7.40 Sunday, incl 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers
8.50 Cardinal Basil Hume speaks for the *Week's Good Cause* on behalf of the Prison Reform Trust, an organisation concerned with prison conditions and the welfare of inmates 8.55 Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from St Barnabas's Church, Cheltenham
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand: Hugh Prysor-Jones with a personal review of the current crop of magazines and periodicals
11.30 Pick of the Week, with Margaret Howard (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Lord King, chairman of Babcock International and British Airways (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend: Gordon Clough talks with Neil Kinnock, MP, the leader of the Opposition 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: A postbag edition
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: Moving Along, by Gillian Richmond. Jenny (Samantha Bond) and Wendy (Amanda Redman) are flatmates, whose relationship is threatened by the intrusion of male sexuality (s) (r)
4.00 News; Shock Waves: The Victims (r)
4.47 Time for Verse. Carol Ann Duffy visits the St Andrew's Poetry Festival (s)
5.00 News, Coastline: Cliff Michelmore completes his three-part coastal journey from Portland Bill along Chesil Beach to Abbotsbury, Bridport and Lyme Regis (s)
5.40 Tales of Earth and Water: Nigel Barley continues his anthropological ramble through Indonesia by climbing Mount Kelimutu (3 of 5) (s) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News 6.15 Feedback (r)
6.30 Europhile: Max Easterman looks behind the headlines in the European papers (r)
7.00 In Business: The Bank-Busters. As the crisis in the American banking industry gathers pace, *In Business* joins the federal authority's bank-busters as they move in to close one down (s) (r)
7.30 Bookshelf: A profile of crime writer Ngaio Marsh; Penelope Lively discusses her new novel, *City of the Mind*; and the journalist Tony Parker describes his travels in the Soviet Union (r)
8.00 Punters: Listeners report on a variety of issues (r)
8.40 Reading Aloud: Queen Victoria is Very Ill. Janet Henfrey reads from Katherine Moore's autobiography
9.00 News; Treasure Islands: Michael Rosen talks to the author Joan Aitken about her books for children (r)
9.15 The Natural History Programme reports on an international conference on bird migration at the University of East Anglia (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 In Their Element: Fire. Pyrotechnics experts, fire-eaters, a Nasa astronaut and the oil-well fighter Red Adair talk about their experiences (3 of 4) (s) (r)
11.00 The First Time: Thai Break. Martin Roberts joins a group of intrepid trekkers as they tackle the mountainous jungle and perilous rivers of north-east Thailand (r)
11.30 Seeds of Faith: God and Gothic. Dr George Pattison considers the message medieval art has for the modern church architect (s)
11.45 Before the Ending of the Day: The late evening Office of Compline (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Jenny Costello 7.00 The Mike Read Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops: The Top 20 charts of 1969, 1974 and 1980 2.30 Philip Schofield 4.30 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00-2.00am John Peel

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00 David Allan 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Don MacLean says Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Richard Baker with Melodies for You 11.00 Desmond Carrington with Radio 2 All-Time Greats 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy 4.00 Marking Time. An evocation of the events of 1923 4.30 Sing Something Simple (r) 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00 The Musical World of Gillian Humphreys (2 of 3) 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 The Radio 2 Arts Programme: At Home with Simon Rattle 12.05am Personal Choice: Rosalind Runcie (r) 1.00 Colin Berry with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service 7.30 Sunday Edition, incl 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 News; Sport 9.04 This Family Business, incl 10.00 News; Sport 10.30 Education Matters (r) 11.00 News; Sport 11.02 Learn to Earn: Training and careers for the over 21s (3 of 6) (r) 11.30 Invitation to Dinner (r) 12.00 Football Extra: Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal 2.25pm Open University: Open Forum 2.50 Education for Adults 3.25 Football Extra: Nottingham Forest v West Ham 5.30 Soundprint (r) 6.00 Sports Round-Up 6.10 Bob Hatton Rattle 6.40 Fanshawe on Five (r) 7.20pm Open University Culture and Belief in Europe 1450-1600, Giorgi 7.40 Social Sciences: Assignment 103 8.00 The New Curiosity Shop: Year of the Dinosaur 8.20 Education Bulletin 8.40 The Enlightenment: Scribble, Scribble, Scribble, Mr Gibbon 9.00 Maths: Solving Inequalities 9.20 Social Class and Electoral Behaviour 9.40 Technology and Science 10.00 News; Sport 10.10 Across the Line, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.07am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30am Short Story 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Review 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.58 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Jazz for the Asking 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 From Our Own Correspondent 8.50 Write On.. 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Music for a While 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Review 10.15 Short Story 10.30 A Taste of Soul 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 Science in Action 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Weather 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Play of the Week. A Man for All Seasons 2.00 Newshour 3.01 What is Democracy? 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 4.59 Travel News 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 Club 648 6.30 News and Features in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Review 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 In Praise of God 9.00 News 9.09 Sportsworld 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Master Brain 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Music for a While 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Review 12.15 Letter from America 12.30 What is Democracy? 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 In Praise of God 2.01 Talking Heads 2.45 On the Record 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Composer of the Month: Edward Elgar 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Anything Goes 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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Polys earn praise for giving lead on degree courses

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

AN acknowledgement that the polytechnics had taken the lead in modernising the way degree students are taught came yesterday from the man newly responsible for funding the universities.

Professor Graeme Davies, in his first public address as chief executive of the Universities Funding Council, told a joint meeting of university and polytechnic information officers in London that the polytechnics had been more flexible and adventurous in adapting teaching methods. Universities were now following their lead.

Professor Davies, vice-chancellor of Liverpool university, singled out the development of schemes allowing students to build up credit towards degrees in different institutions as an example of the pioneering approach of the polytechnics. Universities were now developing modular courses to the same end.

Professor Davies used the occasion to sketch out his view of the new order in higher education, which already placed some universities in a class of their own. The sharing of 70 per cent of research council funds between 15 universities had created *de facto* rankings.

The new chief executive emphasised, however, that he would not support a formalisation of the different categories because the system would ossify. Even though all universities were not equal in their commitment to research or the innovation in course structures, it was still possible for reactive institutions to improve their status.

Even in research, where the universities continued to dominate the scene, Professor Davies said that the gap with polytechnics was narrowing. "All of us know that in some universities there are some pretty questionable levels of research, whereas in some polytechnics there is some pretty good, even world class research activity."

The remarks will be studied closely by academics, who are waiting to see what relationship develops between the different types of institution if the government signals a merger of the two higher education funding councils in a white paper next month. Both Labour and the Liberal Democrats are committed to amalgamating the councils.

While refusing to speculate on the outcome, Professor Davies predicted that the division between the two types of institution would become "at least very fuzzy" as the year went on. The two councils are due to move into the same building on the campus of Bristol polytechnic in June.

Most universities and polytechnics already had systematic lines of communication with neighbouring polytechnics and colleges, he said. Bonds had been forged in the past decade that made further collaboration easier to achieve. His own university was offering a joint postgraduate degree with Liverpool polytechnic.

Professor Davies forecast that the next five years would see universities and polytechnics acquiring a more regional identity, as more students started to live at home because of the high cost of renting accommodation.

Race against time fo feed the masses

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water, food or medicine, and said they had been beaten back in their attempts to move down to warmer valleys.

About 500 refugees have already crossed the border back into Iraq and others say they now want to go home if the world will guarantee their safety against attack by Iraqi troops. Many of those returning are from the other ethnic groups, who joined the Kurds in flight, especially Syriac Christians, Assyrians, Turkomans, Chaldeans and Yezidis.

International aid workers are arriving in force at the border camps, including several from Britain's Overseas Development Agency. Some have accused local officials of corruption and refusing to transport supplies now piling up on dirt roads, or profiteering by selling donated aid to the refugees. The French organisation Médecins sans Frontières said yesterday that 700 tons of food were needed daily to feed the refugees on both sides of the border. The first three British Chinook helicopters are due to arrive in Turkey today and will join the helicopter shuttle now being planned from border towns by the United States, France and Germany.

The Americans announced yesterday that their airlift from Incirlik air base had now delivered 136 tons of food, 45,000 bottles of water, 35 tons of blankets and 400 parachutes, which were being used as tents by refugees in isolated valleys in northern Iraq. Altogether supplies ready for delivery now amount to 3,500 tons of food, 588,000 blankets, 2,800 tents. But bad weather has repeatedly delayed the air drops.

☐ An appeal has been launched by the Kurdish Disaster Fund to help the two million Kurdish women, children and old people trapped in the Zagros mountains. Donations can be phoned to: 071 820 9999.

Fashion statement: this eye-catching, embroidered totem pole dress in flannel was shown yesterday in New York at the Isaac Mizrahi collection for autumn

Georgia on the mind of pretender

From HARRY DEBELIUS IN MADRID

THE man who claims to be the heir to the throne of Georgia said in Marbella yesterday that Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the Georgian president, has invited him to go to his ancestral homeland. Giorgi Bagrationi Mukhrani, aged 47, who is known in the jet-set resort of Marbella as Jorge Bagration, Prince of Georgia, a genuine claimant to the throne, intends to accept the invitation and hopes to move there permanently.

Georgia, which affirmed its independence from the Soviet Union in a referendum less than a fortnight ago, was last ruled by a monarch, King Giorgi XII, in 1801, when it was annexed by the Russian empire. Mr Mukhrani, who uses the title *Batonishvili* (which roughly corresponds to His Royal Highness), said Mr Gamsakhurdia's invitation, earlier this month, is for next autumn, but he may go sooner.

"All the parties of the Round Table (a pro-independence coalition) support me, and the second biggest one is the Traditionalist party, which is monarchist. Akaki Ath yani, the vice president, a representative of t Traditional party," said. "I have not engag in any political activity he continued. "The p itical leaders are those w understand the situati and who can accompli things. I am at their di position. They are the on who are calling for t return of my family. It my obligation to go."

Mr Mukhrani, was racing car driver for 2 years, racing mostly i Spain. About two yea ago he gave that up become a consultant f Fiat. The father of fou children, he is married to Spaniard and lives i Marbella on the Costa d Sol.

He said: "I am n reclaiming anything Everything depends on th political situation. If th country considers it prope to call on me, I will serv my country. The da Georgia truly recovers i independence, I will b there, whether as a repr sentative of the royal fam ily or as an ordinar citizen. Of course I ar going."

Mortgage rates cu

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money market operations that it wants the base rate held at 12 per cent for the next seven days at least.

The decline in the headline inflation rate, from 8.9 per cent, was the fifth consecutive fall from the peak of 10.9 per cent last autumn. The core rate, which excludes the cost of home loans and the poll tax, also fell — from 7.5 per cent in February to 7.3 per cent. But City economists predict that this will not drop as spectacularly as the headline rate, and expect it to stand at abo per cent at year end.

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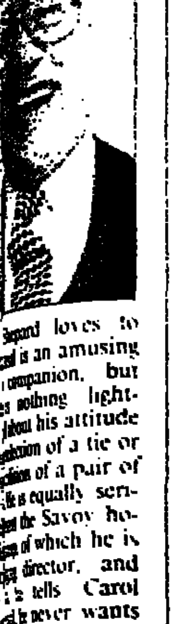

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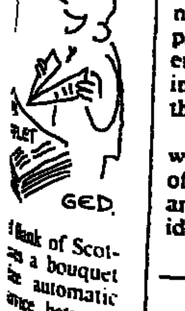

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THE Securities and I vestments Board will veal on Monday th investors have lost abo £15 million by deali with people carrying o unauthorised investme business since the Fina cial Services Act ca into operation.

The act, which came i force in April 1988, intended to prevent peo from selling investments wi out being authorised by one the self-regulatory org isations. The figures will published as part of Cr Prevention Week.

Almost all of the £15 lion was irrecoverably None of the money is cove by the investors' compensa tion scheme, which has be in operation since Aug 1988.

In its most straightforwa meaning, "unauthorise business, a criminal offen covers investments sold people who have failed register either with the inve ments board or any of the se regulating organisations, su as Fimbra, the Financial Inte mediaries, Managers and Bro kers Regulatory Association.

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Another

ROSEHAUGH, the property company that reported a pre tax loss of £165.5 million in its financial year ended last June, now reports a £49.7 million pre-tax loss for the six months ended December, after making exceptional provisions that totalled £53.1 million.

The latest result compares with a first half pre-tax profit of £4.86 million previously, and again there is no dividend.

Godfrey Bradman, the

Judge re

By ANGELA MACKAY

AN ACTION by Lonrho against the Fayed brothers, its long-time foes, over their purchase of House of Fraser, was thrown out of the High Court yesterday for being "highly implausible" and "unsustainable".

Describing the case as bogus and silly, Mr Justice Millett also ordered the British conglomerate, headed by Tiny Rowland, to pay House of Fraser's costs — estimated to be in excess of £400,000 — on an indemnity basis.

Lonrho, however, is undaunted by Mr Justice Millett's ruling and has already decided to appeal against the decision. This will take to five the number of court actions pending in the long-running battle.

The cost to Lonrho and its shareholders has been vast. In the 1984 report by the trade and industry department on the 1984 takeover of House of Fraser and Harrods, its flagship store, Lonrho gave evidence that about £20 million

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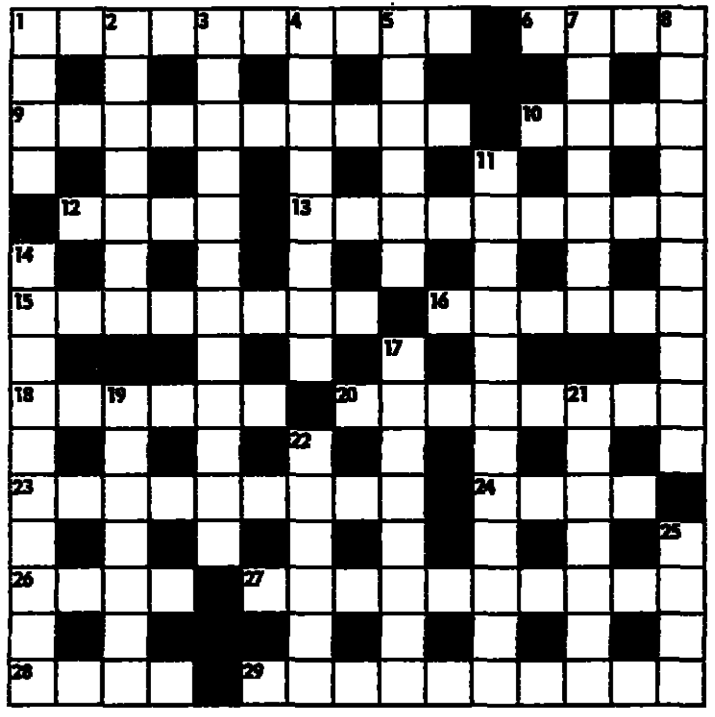

ACROSS

1 One of a pair left, covered by a King: deceptive words! (6-4).
6 Dislikable fellow, taking others' last taxi! (4).
9 Old coin to grab for decoration in the French style (5-5).
10 Little woman left some alcohol (4).
12 Celebration for a recidivist, retiring (4).
13 Dropping the subject of torture (9).
15 Reflex action of member being hammered (4-4).
16 Son taken in by wedding agreement (6).
18 Space-bar operator (6).
20 Vessel docked at Mersey port in vain (8).
23 Wider bell forged to make a stir (9).
24 Rowdy celebration with a piece of Indian music (4).
26 Voice contributing to unusual tone (4).
27 Cartoonist no longer drawing is in a position to avoid publicity (3,7).
28 Head of darning-needle used as dagger (4).
29 Half-day closing craft alliance (10).

DOWN

1 Dish in Ibsen's house? (4).
2 Hoot Berg's *femme fatale* rising to make tea (7).
3 Insurers' representative finds Jules's Strad broken, with a hole in it (4,8).
4 Funds of store up (8).
5 Literary Lambeth girl has a way to make a point in Cornwall (6).
7 Instrument used with maps, perhaps, in Greek island? (7).
8 He hopes not to get chicken in the basket! (10).
11 Shelf-life affected in Dorset shop (12).
14 Flat-fish Authority, dare one say, has the skids under it! (10).
17 Cave in mountain-pass, over fault (8).
19 Hunt, possibly, for a bow-tie (7).
21 National side on the ball in America (7).
22 Journey routed a new way (6).
25 Field poppy's head seen in spring (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,573

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By Philip Howard

NYCTALOPIA
a. A werewolf
b. Night blindness
c. The tertian ague

NOYADE
a. A greeny yellowish colour
b. Indecisive
c. Execution by drowning

CALENDER
a. A Scottish usurer
b. To make a new calendar
c. A glossing machine

STOVER
a. A cook's assistant
b. Corn stalks
c. A battering ram

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LIGHTING-UP TIMES

TODAY
London 7.53 pm to 6.08 am
Bristol 8.03 pm to 6.18 am
Edinburgh 8.14 pm to 6.11 am
Manchester 8.05 pm to 6.13 am
Penzance 8.12 pm to 6.32 am

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The winners of last Saturday's competition are: M Galley, Norhyrst Avenue, South Norwood, Surrey; L O Carroll, Drumartin Road, Dundrum, Dublin; V Rees, Hillside, Penyfai, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan; I Buckley, Stockport Road West, Bredbury, Stockport, Cheshire; E Davies, Benson Close, Lichfield, Staffordshire

Wales, western and northern England and south-east Scotland will start cloudy with rain in places, before bright spells. Central and south-east England will have a misty start before sunshine, with showers possible later. Eastern coastal areas will be dull. North and west Scotland and Northern Ireland will be dry and sunny, but with coastal showers. Outlook: dry with sunshine, but rain reaching northern and eastern areas.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	17	63	f	Majorca	17	63	s
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Malaga	17	63	f
Algiers	19	66	s	Malta	17	63	s
Athens	17	63	f	Miami*	28	82	c
Barbads*	28	82	f	Milan	16	61	f
Barcelna	16	61	f	Moscow	15	59	s
Belgrade	16	61	f	Naples	12	54	c
Bermuda*	22	72	c	N Delhi	32	90	s
Biarritz	14	57	c	N York*	12	54	s
Borde'x	16	61	r	Nice	17	63	s
Cairo	24	75	s	Oslo	11	52	s
Cape Tn	27	81	s	Paris	24	75	s
C'blanca	20	68	s	Rhodes	19	66	f
Corfu	16	61	f	Rio de J	27	81	s
Dublin	6	43	r	Rome	18	64	f
Dubrovnik	16	61	c	S F'risco*	14	57	s
Faro	19	66	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Florence	17	63	f	Strasb'rg	18	64	s
Funchal	20	68	s	Sydney	21	70	s
Geneva	19	66	s	Tangier	19	66	s
Gibraltar	18	64	f	Tel Aviv	19	66	s
Hong K	29	84	s	Tenerife	21	70	s
Istanbul	12	54	f	Tokyo	17	63	s
Jo'burg*	22	72	s	Toronto*	5	41	s
Karachi	30	86	f	Tunis	16	61	c
L Palmas	19	66	s	Valencia	18	64	s
Lisbon	19	66	f	Vanc'ver*	8	46	s
Locarno	16	61	c	Venice	17	63	f
Luxembg	18	64	s	Vienna	13	55	c
Luxor	30	86	s	Wash'ton*	17	63	s
Madrid	19	66	f	Zurich	15	59	s

* denotes figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.37	2.22
Austria Sch	22.00	20.60
Belgium Fr	64.30	60.30
Canada $	2.165	2.015
Denmark Kr	11.97	11.27
Finland Mkk	7.43	6.98
France Fr	10.51	9.86
Germany Dm	3.125	2.925
Greece Dr	336	316
Hong Kong $	14.45	13.45
Ireland Pt	1.168	1.098
Italy Lira	2320	2180
Japan Yen	258	241
Netherlands Gld	3.505	3.295
Norway Kr	12.13	11.43
Portugal Esc	268.75	252.25
South Africa Rd	5.35	4.85
Spain Pta	192	179
Sweden Kr	11.29	10.61
Switzerland Fr	2.64	2.47
Turkey Lira	7200	6400
USA $	1.878	1.753
Yugoslavia Dnr	38.00	26.00

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.3 hr.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.0	-	13	55	gale
Anglesey	-	.02	11	52	drizzle
Aviemore	0.1	.08	12	54	shower
Belfast	-	.06	12	54	rain
Blackpool	-	-	14	57	bright
Buxton	1.0	-	13	55	cloudy
Cardiff	4.6	-	16	61	bright
Colwyn Bay	2.6	-	16	61	bright
Douglas	-	.11	9	48	rain
Edinburgh	0.8	.01	14	57	rain
Glasgow	-	.49	11	52	rain
Kinloss	1.6	.01	15	59	rain
London	8.0	-	21	70	sunny
Lowestoft	8.3	-	15	59	sunny
Manchester	0.4	-	14	57	cloudy
Minehead	4.6	-	16	61	sunny
Morecambe	-	-	14	57	dull
Nottingham	4.1	-	17	63	bright
Poole	-	-	13	55	drizzle
Shanklin	8.4	-	13	55	sunny
Stornoway	2.2	1.26	10	50	rain
Tenby	-	.02	12	54	cloudy
Tiree	3.2	.56	12	54	rain
Torquay	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Wick	1.7	.02	13	55	cloudy

These are Thursday's figures

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.27	6.5	1.56	6.8
Aberdeen	1.10	3.8	1.06	4.0
Belfast	10.43	3.4	11.13	3.1
Cardiff	6.46	11.6	7.09	11.7
Devonport	5.49	6.8	6.17	5.3
Glasgow	12.40	4.2	12.58	4.5
Harwich	11.52	3.8		
Holyhead	10.06	5.3	10.31	5.3
Hull	6.13	6.9	6.18	7.2
Leith	2.24	5.1	2.32	5.3
Liverpool	11.04	9.0	11.27	9.0
Oban	6.43	3.9	6.03	3.7
Portsmouth	11.12	4.2	11.40	4.4
Shoreham	10.59	5.9	11.23	6.1
Tees	3.29	4.9	3.32	5.2
W'ton-on-Nze	11.45	4.0	11.57	4.0

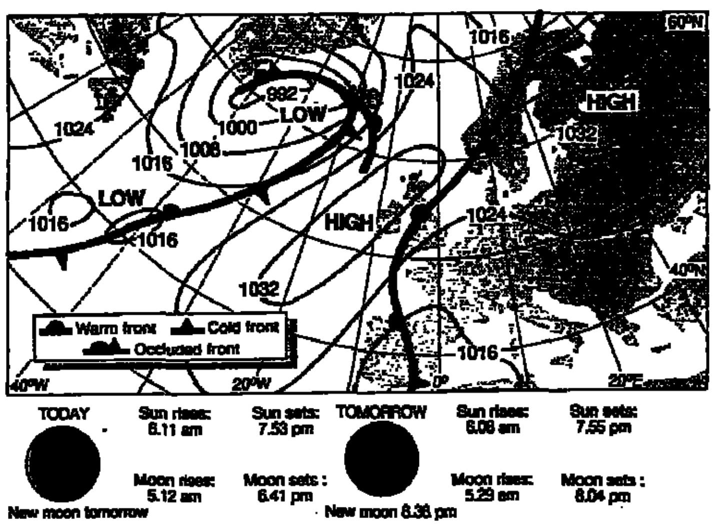
Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

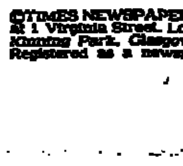
Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 21C (70F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F); Humidity: 6pm, 42 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6pm, 6.3 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,011.9 millibars, rising.

Thursday: day temp: Cromer, Norfolk, 23C (73F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 09C (48F); highest rainfall: Stornoway, Outer Hebrides, 1.26 in; highest sunshine: Jersey, Channel Islands, 10.3 hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 8C (46F); min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.69 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.





TODAY Sun rises: 6.11 am Sun sets: 7.53 pm
Moon rises: 5.12 am Moon sets: 6.41 pm
New moon tomorrow

TOMORROW Sun rises: 6.08 am Sun sets: 7.55 pm
Moon rises: 5.29 am Moon sets: 8.04 pm
New moon 8.38 pm

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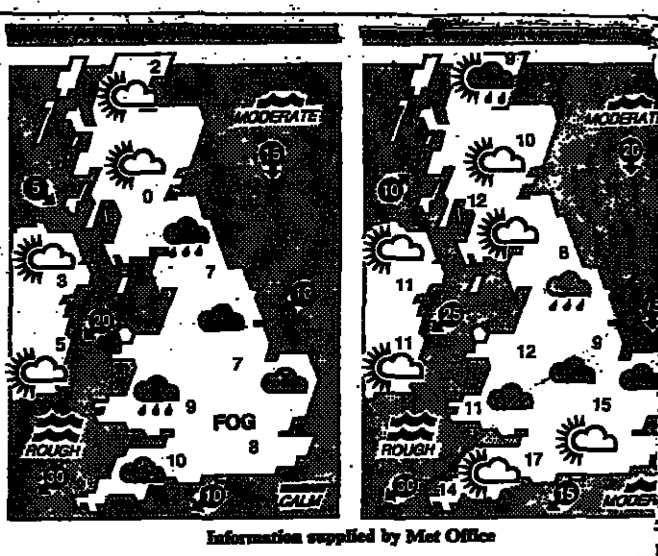

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS

Business Editor
John Bell

SATURDAY APRIL 13 1991

Building societies expect further interest cuts soon

REPAYMENT Loan	Old Payment £	New Payment £	October Payment £
£20,000	189.11	178.57	205.89
£30,000	283.67	267.78	308.84
£40,000	393.87	369.94	440.85
£50,000	513.97	482.51	572.86
£60,000	604.76	568.21	679.18
£70,000	719.20	675.56	806.17
£80,000	833.64	782.92	933.16
£90,000	948.08	890.28	1060.15
£100,000	1048.76	984.13	1187.14
£120,000	1274.64	1195.90	1431.69
ENDOWMENT			
£20,000	173.13	160.63	192.50
£30,000	259.69	240.94	288.75
£40,000	375.10	348.02	417.08
£50,000	490.52	455.10	545.42
£60,000	573.18	531.56	645.31
£70,000	682.29	632.81	768.23
£80,000	791.46	734.06	891.14
£90,000	900.63	835.31	1014.06
£100,000	994.38	921.15	1136.98
£120,000	1209.38	1120.32	1382.81

Source: Abbey National

By Our Money Editor

MORTGAGE lenders cut interest rates by more than the expected 0.75 per cent yesterday in anticipation of another bank base rate cut soon.

John Berry, marketing director of Abbey National, which cut its base mortgage rate by one percentage point to 12.85 per cent, said the bank was expecting a further interest rate reduction. "Since the previous half per cent base rate cut last month we have spent a lot of time looking at the options. We wanted to get our base mortgage rate below 13 per cent.

"It is expensive to constantly change payments. You might have expected a cut of 0.75 per cent now. The *cut of up to 1 per cent indicates we are* hoping for further cuts," he said.

Mortgage lenders do not usually cut rates on a half per cent reduction in bank base rates. Yesterday's reduction cuts the margin between bank base rates and mortgage rates to 0.85 per cent from 1.25-1.4 per cent.

At Nationwide, which cut its base mortgage rate by 0.95 per cent to 12.95 per cent, John Hutchinson, retail operations director, said he was hopeful of another base rate cut soon. The Halifax Building Society, Britain's largest lender, expects to cut its mortgage rate by between 0.75 per cent and 1 per cent next week. Many smaller lenders will wait for the Halifax rate before moving.

The Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society cut its rate by 1 per cent to 12.75 per cent for new borrowers and will bring existing loans into line on May 1. New customers who borrow less than 80 per cent of a property's value also receive a 1 per cent discount for the first year. The Bradford & Bingley has cut rates for new borrowers to 12.75 per cent, but existing borrowers must wait until next month in case there is another fall in bank rates soon.

The Leeds Permanent Building Society said it would cut its rate by between 0.75 per cent and 1 per cent. The exact size and its timing to be announced in the next few days. The Woolwich, the third largest building society, said a reduction "of the order of 0.75 per cent" would be announced next week. The National & Provincial Building Society is likely also to announce a cut next week. Barclays Bank said it would announce a cut next week with immediate effect.

The Abbey National is cutting its rate on mortgages between £60,000 and £100,000 to 12.15 per cent and to 11.95 per cent over £100,000. Its first-time buyers' discount of 1.25 per cent is being extended to the end of June next year. This gives an initial rate of 10.7 per cent for first time borrowers with loans over £100,000.

The Nationwide rate for loans of £60,000 is being cut to 12.45 per cent and above £120,000 it will be 11.95 per cent. The society is also offering a fixed rate mortgage at 10.95 per cent over five years. The society is also changing the payments next month for its 400,000 borrowers on annual review currently paying 14.5 per cent.

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Investors lose £15m through illegal trade

By Lindsay Cook and Barbara Ellis

THE Securities and Investments Board will reveal on Monday that investors have lost about £15 million by dealing with people carrying out unauthorised investment business since the Financial Services Act came into operation.

The act, which came into force in April 1988, was intended to prevent people from selling investments without being authorised by one of the self-regulatory organisations. The figures will be published as part of Crime Prevention Week.

Almost all of the £15 million was irrecoverably lost. None of the money is covered [illegible]tion scheme, which has been in operation since August 1988.

In its most straightforward meaning, "unauthorised" business, a criminal offence, covers investments sold by people who have failed to register either with the investments board or any of the self-regulating organisations such as Fimbra, the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association.

It is less clear whether the investments board classes as unauthorised the tied agents supposedly selling exclusively for one company but running a covert sideline. There have been several cases in which the tied agents of insurance companies have set up illicit investment schemes. Pressure has been brought to bear on insurance companies to pay compensation in cases where the investors believed they were putting money with the insurance company. Target, then part of the TSB group, paid out last year to investors who lost money through Garston Amhurst, its tied agent.

In February, the insurance ombudsman recommended that National Provident Institution should compensate an investor who lost £62,000 by investing with one of its agents. The agent had forged certificates to lead investors to believe they had bought NPI investments. A total of [illegible] was invested with the agent by 19 investors.

Royal Life set up a compensation scheme in October to cover the losses of about 300 investors of one of its tied agents.

In September, the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation published a consultative document that called for a tightening up of rules governing tied agents. The investors' compensation scheme, which can pay out up to £48,000 to individual investors, specifically excludes such business, leaving people who have lost money to claim against the companies.

The investments board is also expected to disclose on Monday that it has carried out about 600 investigations into unauthorised business, although there may be less than ten successful prosecutions. Under the Financial Services Act, the investments board is the only regulatory body with the power to pursue unauthorised businesses, but often hands over prosecution work to the police.

Rowan Bosworth-Davies, fraud and investigations manager at Richards Butler, the solicitor, said: "The fact that they have conducted 600 investigations is very comforting. But I would be much more interested in knowing the outcome. If it transpires that the outcome was a series of derisory fines, treating the offences as minor misdemeanours, one has to question the efficacy of the system."

A former policeman, Mr Bosworth-Davies was investigations manager at Fimbra before joining Richards Butler. He said: "Perhaps greater emphasis needs to be placed on providing facilities to combat outright fraud," adding that investors had lost a total of £50 million in alleged frauds, excluding Barlow Clowes, since July 1988, against the £15 million lost in unauthorised business.

At the beginning of the month, the investments board announced that the first tranche of the levy to fund the compensation scheme for 1990-1 would be £6.7 million.

Another loss for Rosehaugh

By Colin Campbell

ROSEHAUGH, the property company that reported a pre-tax loss of £165.5 million in its financial year ended last June, now reports a £49.7 million pre-tax loss for the six months ended December, after making exceptional provisions that totalled £53.1 million.

The latest result compares with a first half pre-tax profit of £4.86 million previously, and again there is no dividend.

Godfrey Bradman, the chairman, says though there are signs of increasing property activity since the end of the Gulf war, the outlook continues to be uncertain.

A recovery in profits is still some way off and is likely to be gradual, he says.

Rosehaugh says it is encouraged by the level of interest being shown by international investors in acquiring a phase at Broadgate — the Liverpool Street station property complex in the City of London — and that "several discussions are in progress".

Falling interest rates are also helping, and group overheads have been reduced by 25 per cent.

Robert Fleming Holdings said yesterday that it now owns 7.1 per cent of Rosehaugh's capital. Last June, Fleming held a 4.4 per cent stake.

The shares rose 7p to 73p.

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MARC ASPLAND

And the band stops playing: Wembley concerts are in decline, but Sir Brian hopes that US football will compensate

Wembley pins its hopes on Monarchs

By Matthew Bond

WHERE American rock musicians fear to tread, American footballers boldly go. That, at least, is the hope of Sir Brian Wolfson, chairman of the leisure company Wembley, owner of both Wembley stadium and the Wembley arena.

Last year, there were 11 concerts held in Wembley stadium, while Wembley arena hit a new record by hosting shows on 216 nights.

But plans for this year's concerts, particularly the large, outdoor concerts in the summer have been disrupted by the Gulf war. The war may be over but American musicians will still be staying at home, Sir Brian said.

"We will not be having the same amount of mega-concerts," he said. But any shortfall in turnover he expects to be made up by London's new American football team, the London Monarchs, which plays six games at Wembley, and tomorrow's unexpected bonus of an FA Cup semi-final.

Sir Brian said Wembley was benefiting from the investment in new facilities. "When we started we had two million visitors and made nothing. Now we're up to eight million and making operating profits of £8.6 million."

Wembley's film distribution business, Guild, made operating profits of £4.3 million, on £32 million turnover.

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American inflation falls but rates stay the same

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

AMERICAN consumer prices fell 0.1 per cent last month, but the first monthly decline in five years was not enough to trigger an immediate signal from the Federal Reserve Board for lower interest rates.

Wall Street economists attributed the Fed's reluctance, despite mounting evidence that the American economy is still very weak, to the core inflation picture. Consumer prices, excluding energy and food, rose 0.1 per cent.

The Commerce Department figures showed the consumer price index falling 0.1 per cent after rises of 0.2 per cent in February and 0.4 per cent in January. Lower energy prices were the main factor affecting the March data.

Although still rising, core inflation has slowed substantially from the 0.8 and 0.7 per cent increases in February and January respectively, as prices moderated for women's clothes, new cars and alcohol.

But despite its initial caution, the Fed is still expected to ease policy, possibly next week, to help the economy out of recession. The administration has criticised the Fed for being half-hearted about lowering interest rates.

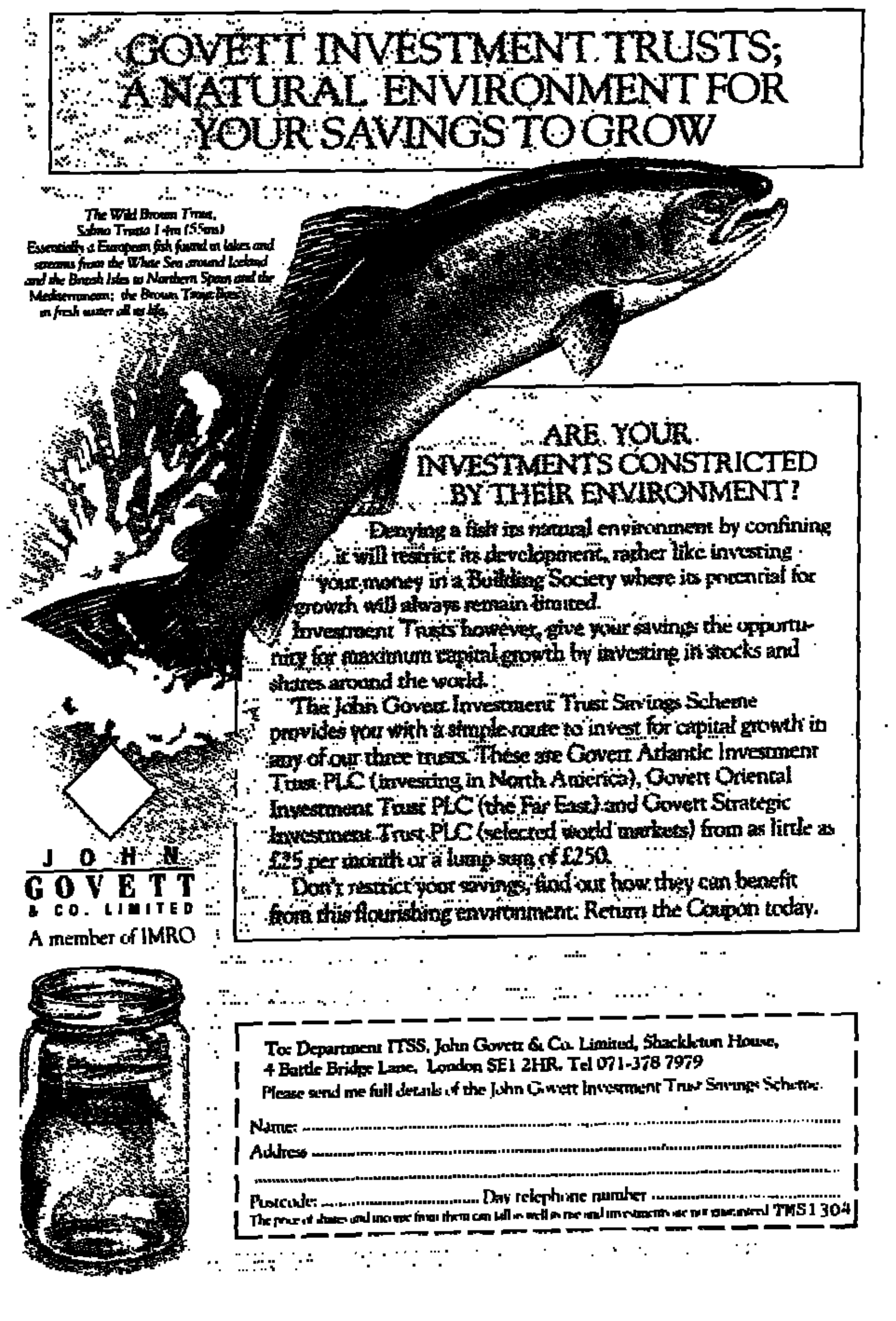
But a serious policy split within the Fed is believed to be hampering the decision-making process, with rate cutters opposed by more cautious board members, who fear inflation could worsen if policy is eased too soon.

Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB International, said an American interest rate cut would fit into a broader pattern of easing in which the latest British cut belongs.

Meanwhile, Karl Otto Pöhl, Bundesbank president, said less restrictive German monetary policies would only harm the European Monetary System and not help anyone.

He said co-ordination of monetary policies cannot permit weaker partners to deviate from the standard of stability, provided mainly by the mark. Any increase in German inflation would not lead to more convergence in EMS inflation rates, but would ultimately reduce the general standard of stability.

Without a "core of stability", the ranges for inflation rates in the EMS would rise considerably again and would more likely lead to an increase in tension in the EMS.



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The battle for Harrods

Judge rejects Lonrho case as 'silly'

By Angela Mackay

Rowland: plans to appeal

AN ACTION by Lonrho against the Fayed brothers, its long-time foes, over their purchase of House of Fraser, was thrown out of the High Court yesterday for being "highly implausible" and "unsustainable".

Describing the case as bogus and silly, Mr Justice Millett also ordered the British conglomerate, headed by Tiny Rowland, to pay House of Fraser's costs — estimated to be in excess of £400,000 — on an indemnity basis.

Lonrho, however, is undaunted by Mr Justice Millett's ruling and has already decided to appeal against the decision. This will take to five the number of court actions pending in the long-running battle.

The cost to Lonrho and its shareholders has been vast. In the 1984 report by the trade and industry department on the 1984 takeover of House of Fraser and Harrods, its flagship store, Lonrho gave evidence that about £20 million had been spent. That evidence was given three years ago and the pace of legal action has since quickened.

Since the £615 million takeover by Mohamed Al-Fayed and his brothers, Lonrho has "waged a relentless campaign" against them, the judge said.

The present claim, launched last September, which alleged deceit by the brothers in acquiring shares in the House of Fraser "has no foundation in fact and is not made in good faith and with a genuine belief in its merits, but has been manufactured to provide a vehicle for a further public denunciation of the Fayeds," he concluded.

Lonrho had sought rescission of the sale of its 29.9 per cent stake in House of Fraser to the Fayeds or alternatively damages for fraudulent misrepresentation. The company was also seeking a declaration that House of Fraser Holdings held the entire share capital in the stores group in trust for Lonrho.

Mr Justice Millett said: "I have no doubt that it is an abuse of the process of the court, and I will strike it out accordingly."

He said the claim covered substantially the same ground as a 1987 action charging the brothers with conspiracy to defraud and wrongful interference with Lonrho's business.

The House of Lords is to rule later this month on whether to strike out that claim. Lonrho also has an action alleging negligence pending against Norman Tebbit, the secretary for trade and industry at the time of takeover, arising out of his alleged failure to release Lonrho from undertakings it made not to buy any House of Fraser shares.

A judicial review has also begun against Nicholas Ridley, another former trade secretary, related to his decision not to disqualify the Fayeds as directors after the department's damning report on the brothers was released in March last year.

In the present action, Lonrho said that in late 1984 it had hoped to secure its release from the undertaking by selling its stake, but only to a buyer who was neither able nor wished to bid for the rest of the Fraser shares.

It alleged the Fayeds intentionally and dishonestly led Lonrho to hold the mistaken belief that they had neither the ability nor the wish to make a takeover bid.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7770 (–0.0120)
German mark
2.9924 (+0.0021)
Exchange index
93.0 (–0.3)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1997.5 (–4.7)
FT-SE 100
2526.1 (–5.5)
New York Dow Jones
2911.88 (+6.43)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
26582.50 (+157.31)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Hawker Siddeley	607p (+15p)
Unidare	260p (+15p)
Allied Lyons	522½p (+9p)
Elys Wimbledon	762½p (+13p)
Etam	144½p (+6p)
Hambros	276½p (+10p)
Standard Chart	405½p (+18p)
BICC	449½p (+11p)
Lamont	321½p (+12p)
Royal	469½p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Sema Group	372½p (–12p)
Harland Simon	510p (–28p)
Wellcome	526½p (–14p)
Sanderson Elect	127½p (–10p)
Rank Org	736p (–17p)
Diploma	247p (–11p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month Interbank 12-11⅞%
3-month eligible bills:11¾-11¼%
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 5¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.51-5.49%*
30-year bonds 96¹¹⁄₃₂-96¹⁵⁄₃₂*

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ECU £0.688953	SDR £0.764768
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GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $361.45 pm-$361.95
close $361.00-361.50 (£202.50-203.00)
New York:
Comex $362.85-363.35*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 131.4 March (1987=100)

NORTH SEA

Brent (May) .... $20.00 bbl ($19.50)
* Denotes latest trading price

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Britain's rich

From the Queen to Cliff Richard – The Sunday Times tomorrow presents its latest survey of the wealthiest 200 people in Britain, whose collective assets amount to £47 billion.

The Sunday Times Magazine tomorrow

Sale ends battle at Ensign

THE battle at Ensign Trust, the unquoted companies investment trust, has been resolved by the sale of its Argosy Asset Management subsidiary to Ivory & Sime, the Scottish investment manager.

Ivory is paying £1.75 million for Argosy, a £550,000 premium to net assets. Argosy will bring with it the contract to manage Ensign Trust. Ivory says it hopes to clinch the contracts for the three other trusts managed by Argosy, Clydesdale, New Frontiers and Turkey. If it succeeds, Ivory will increase group funds under management by £420 million to £3 billion.

The sale settles the dispute between Ensign and the Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund, its 77 per cent shareholder.

Last December, the pension fund's trustees cancelled Argosy's contract to manage the fund. The trustees initially asked Ensign to wind itself up within five years, but they have since withdrawn the demand.

Fund raiser

Conrad Continental, the leather and fashion accessories company, is to sell its Continental Textiles subsidiary to provide funds for developing Bobby Charlton Enterprises, the leisure and sports company. The disposal will raise a maximum of £1.15 million, eliminating Conrad's borrowings.

TVS talks

TVS, the independent television contractor for the south of England, expects to know next week whether or not the "major Hollywood name" it is talking to will buy MTM, the company's troubled American programme production subsidiary.

McCaw sells

McCaw Cellular Communications, America's largest mobile telephone company in which BT owns 20 per cent, is raising $360 million by selling its interests in 18 markets to help cut $5.2 billion of debts.

Next stake cut

Otto-Versand, the German mail order group, has cut its stake in Next, the retailer, from 9.9 per cent to 8.8 per cent.

Bass pubs sold

Bass has sold 27 public houses in the north of England to Daniel Thwaites, the brewer, for about £5.5 million in line with trade department orders.

Job cuts push IBM to first quarterly loss of $1.73bn

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

INTERNATIONAL Business Machines (IBM), the world's largest computer maker, lost a net $1.73 billion in the first three months of this year, its first quarterly loss on record.

The $2.3 billion cost of cutting 10,000 jobs in the face of falling sales, down 4.5 per cent in the first quarter to $13.5 billion, pushed IBM into the red.

Before interest, tax and redundancy costs, IBM's operating profit was $532 million, half what it made in the same period last year.

That was $100 million lower than expected by Rick Martin, computer analyst with Prudential Securities. He said: "The running of the business day-to-day was weaker than we anticipated." The 17 per cent sales drop in IBM's computer hardware business was sharper than the 12 per cent Mr Martin had expected.

In addition to being hit by the recession, analysts say IBM is also being squeezed by a move within the industry to make it easier for customers to mix and match computer products from different makers. More than 20 computer companies, lead by Compaq, America's third largest personal computer maker, signed a co-operation deal along these lines this week. IBM was not among them.

IBM held a private briefing with analysts after the announcement of the figures, which knocked more than $1 billion from the value of the company as the shares fell $1.875 to $108.75.

Against soaring share prices in New York, IBM's shares have dropped 22 per cent since the $139.75 peak this year.

The computer maker, which is 80 years old, stunned Wall Street last month when it warned the 50 analysts who follow the company that its profit estimates were 50 per cent too high.

IBM profits are expected to drop $690 million this year to $5.3 billion, levels not seen since 1987.

Computer industry analysts also expect IBM to make more job cuts before its costs fall in line with sales.

One said that the figure could be between 20,000 and 30,000. That would bring the number of jobs lost since the peak employment figure of 404,000, in 1986, to more than 70,000.

IBM has acknowledged that more jobs may have go over time and that a much bigger share of the cuts will be felt in the Britain and continental Europe.

'Insider' trial collapses

From A CORRESPONDENT

A TRIAL over alleged insider dealing has collapsed, probably costing the taxpayer more than £500,000. Reg Brealey, former Sheffield United football club chairman, was one of the defendants. Not guilty verdicts were accepted by the prosecution after it was decided a case could not be put to a jury.

Accusations of incompetence and unfairness were made against all agencies of the Crown. Judge Sanders told Wood Green Crown Court: "The catalogue of omissions is so appalling almost to be considered scandalous." He was referring to the main defence complaint that prosecution evidence and statements were not shared.

The defendants were Mr Brealey, aged 52, of Welbourn, Lincolnshire, Richard Aram, his assistant, aged 27, of Navenby, Lincolnshire, and Robert Lee, aged 38, a financier, of Paddington, west London.

George Carman, QC, counsel for Mr Brealey, said: "I find it mildly astonishing this prosecution was brought without one single expert witness from the Crown." He said his own Stock Exchange experts would have exposed flaws in the evidence. "Men who are not guilty have been denied the opportunity of a fair trial."

Pleased with placing: Chips Keswick, of Hambros

Takeover threat ends at Hambros

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

HAMBROS, the merchant banking group, has been relieved of the threat of a takeover after Baltica Holding, the Danish insurer, placed its 14 per cent stake in the bank with institutions.

Smith New Court and James Capel, the brokers, bought the 22.9 million shares at 259p and sold them at 262p, making a £690,000 profit on the deal. The two brokers also placed Baltica's 13.3 million convertible bonds. The placing, which was said to be oversubscribed, was bought by a broad spread of British institutions.

Baltica had long said it was keen to sell the £60 million stake. It built the holding last year in the hope of setting up European property finance joint ventures with Hambros. When Hambros rejected Baltica's approaches, the insurance group reclassified the stake as a portfolio investment. Some analysts had suggested the stake might be sold to a hostile European institution.

Investors, however, were relieved when they saw the placing of the shares, which had been overhanging the market. Hambros shares rose 10p to 277p.

Baltica made a profit of just under 100 million Danish Kroner (£8.7 million) on the sale, against the stake's book value at the end of last year. The group will welcome the cash raised, since it bought Statsanstalten, Denmark's state-owned life assurer, last September for DKr3.5 billion.

Chips Keswick, the chairman of Hambros Bank, said he was delighted with the placing.

He said: "It was a well advertised chunk of shares that were loose, and I am pleased they have gone to a spread of institutions."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Sutcliffe, Speakman gives loss warning

SUTCLIFFE, Speakman, the carbon filter maker w shares were suspended at 45p, has announced a prop refinancing and boardroom shake-up and given warnin substantial losses for the financial year just ended.

Under the refinancing plan, 150 million new ordi shares will be issued at 1p through a combined placing, and subscription, to raise £14 million. Some of company's borrowings and leases, as well as accrued int charges, are being converted into preference shares. T losses after tax for the year to end-March are expected about £15.2 million. The nine-month period to December saw a £13.3 million after-tax loss. A new six-st board has been appointed under the non-execu chairmanship of Frank Buckley, currently the chairman chief executive of BTP.

Dinkie Heel slides 30%

DINKIE Heel, the shoe components maker, suffered a 30 per cent slide in pre-tax profits from £418,260 to £292,216 in the year to end-December. The final dividend of 0.6p and the full-year payout of 0.95p are both unchanged. Turnover was almost unchanged at £7.93 million. David Parkes, the chairman, takes a cautious view of first-half prospects.

Manpower's final stage

MANPOWER, the emp ment agency group, launched the final stage o reversal of the 1987 E Arrow takeover. Follow SEC approval to return domicile of the compan the US, an offer for ordinary and Ameri depository shares of M power has been made b new Wisconsin-registe company, Manpower Inc

Thames Water buys

THAMES Water is paying up to £2 million to acquire Morgan Collis Group, one of the UK's leading drain sewer surveying and flow monitoring companies. An in consideration of £1.3 million may be supplemented deferred payments related to future performance.

Mike Hoffman, Thames' group chief executive, said acquisition marked a further move towards the creation Thames of a comprehensive drain and sewerage serv company. The company will work closely with Metro R acquired in December 1990.

Helene slips below £4m

HELENE, the fashion wear group, suffered an 8 per cent fall in pre-tax profits from £4.11 million to £3.78 million in the year to end-December. Operating profits rose slightly to £4.56 million, but net interest charges were £776,000 (£225,000). Turnover rose to £67.85 million. An unchanged final dividend of 1.36p makes 2.01p (1.97p) for the year.

Amgold cuts dividend

ANGLO American G Investment, reflecti tougher times for So African gold mining co panies, is cutting its fi dividend from 600 cents 375 cents (78p) a sha making a reduced 775 ce (1,250 cents) payment the period ended Ma Attributable earnings fell 42.2 per cent to 178.2 m lion rand (£37.1 million).

Building materials 'fall'

BRITAIN'S building materials producers are predicting an per cent slump in output during the half year to end-Jun suggesting a £1.76 billion fall in the real value of their sales its latest forecast, the council of Building Materials Produce (BMP) says the fall in interest rates this year has insufficient to revive construction activity in 1991.

However, it expects 1992 to "set the scene" for a reviva The BMP expects output of the construction industry to ris by 0.5 per cent next year, after a 2 per cent fall during th current year. Private house construction is expected to lea the recovery, which is likely to be patchy, the BMP says.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	2,869	CU	1,086	Lucas	2,841	Royal Ins	1,244
Alld-Lyons	4,599	Courtaulds	1,503	M&S	4,566	Sainsbury	2,818
Anglian	597	Enterprise	794	Maxwell Cm	3,614	Scot & N	1,889
ASDA	5,016	Eurotunnel	710	MEPC	297	Sears	2,922
AB Foods	1,828	Fisons	2,107	Midland	9,703	Severn Trnt	3,714
Argyll	1,315	Gen Acc	1,567	Natl Power	16,000	Shell	10,047
BAA	762	GEC	4,458	Nat West	5,595	Smith & N	4,589
BET	4,152	Glaxo	3,427	N W Water	1,326	SK Beech	893
BTR	2,271	Grand Met	2,200	P&O	944	Sun Allnce	1,016
BAT	2,427	GUS 'A'	289	Pearson	168	Tarmac	1,963
Barclays	2,043	GRE	6,382	Pilkington	2,161	Tate Lyle	1,982
Bass	1,291	Guinness	914	PowerGen	18,000	TSB	3,421
BICC	1,398	Hamm 'A'	186	Prudential	1,497	Tesco	1,357
Bk Scotlnd	166	Hanson	8,393	Racal	2,792	Thames Wtr	809
Blue Circle	1,453	H & C	1,130	Rk Hovis	1,331	Thorn EMI	882
BOC	688	Hawker	761	Rank	783	Trafalgar	1,341
Boots	1,196	Hillsdown	3,823	R&C	309	THF	702
Br Aero	1,011	ICI	492	Redland	721	Ultramar	953
Br Airways	5,037	Kingfisher	1,178	Reed	1,423	Unilever	1,350
Br Gas	53	Lasmo	459	Reuters	1,049	United Bis	969
Br Petrol	8,882	Ladbroke	2,177	RMC Gp	967	Wellcome	1,425
Br Steel	8,059	Land Sec	390	RTZ	1,251	Whitbrd	1,087
Br Telecm	4,733	L&G	590	R-Royce	4,058	Wgn Teape	589
C&W	1,182	Lloyds	2,160	Rothmn 'B'	433	Williams	361
Cadbury	1,438	Lonrho	1,943	Royal Bank	491	Willis Cor	907

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES			
Aberdeen Tst	58	Etonbrook	67
Atlantis Resources	37	Europe Energy	14
Aberforth Smlr (100p)	119½ +½	Faber Prest (175p)	129
Alliance Res	44	Highcroft Inv	165
Brabant Res (155p)	134	Smaller IT	76
CMW Group (30p)	46	Stand Platform (225p)	172
Castle Cairn (50p)	38	Trio Inv Tst	42
Drayton Blue Chip	101	Utd Uniform	88
EFM Java Tst (50p)	43	Unichem (100p)	162
East German Inv	115	Wig Tpe App	240 –½
Eidos (100p)	58		

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 8	April 19	July 11	July 22

Call options were taken out on: 12/4/91 ADT, Atlantic Res, Aviva, Berisford, Brent Walker, Conroy Pet, Control Sec, Elgs, Albert Fisher, GEC, Hampson Inds, Medeva, Monument Oil & Gas, Next, Rosehaugh, Saatchi & Saatchi, Stakis, Wembley, Whitegate Leisure.
Puts: Clayform, WPP.
Put & Call: Tusker.

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 2911.88 (+6.43)*
S&P Composite .... 378.98 (+1.35)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .. 26582.50 (+157.31)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 3742.00 (+38.07)
FT-SE Euro 100 ..... 1116.71 (+8.38)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 96.0 (+0.3)
Sydney: AO .... 1455.8 (+1.5)
Frankfurt: DAX .... 1583.14 (+17.77)
Brussels:
General .... 5827.19 (+23.88)

Paris: CAC .... 488.05 (+
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 561.0 (+
London:
FT.—A All-Share ...... 1222.89 (–
FT.— "500" .... 1346.62 (–
FT. Gold Mines .... 141.0 (
FT. Fixed Interest ...... 94.77 (+
FT. Govt Secs .... 85.35 (–
Bargains 4
SEAQ Volume 62
USM (Datastream) .... 136.79 (+

*Denotes latest trading price

National Westminster Bank

National Westminster Bank
announces that
with effect from
Friday 12 April 1991
its Base Rate
is reduced from
12.50% to 12.00% per annum.

All facilities (including regulated consumer credit agreements) with a rate of interest linked to NatWest Base Rate will be varied accordingly.

National Westminster Bank plc
41 Lothbury London EC2P 2BP

ANZ Grindlays Base Rate

ANZ Grindlays Bank plc
announces that its base rate
has changed from 12.5% p.a. to 12% p.a.
with effect from
12th April 1991.

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Private Banking

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BASE RATE

Coutts & Co
have reduced their
Base Rate from
12.5% to 12% per annum
with effect from the
close of business on
Friday 12th April 1991.

All facilities (including regulated consumer credit agreements) with a rate linked to Coutts Base Rate will be varied accordingly.

Coutts & Co
440 Strand, London, WC2R 0QS

Lloyds Bank Base Rate.

Lloyds Bank Plc has reduced
its Base Rate from 12.5 per cent
to 12 per cent p.a. with effect
from the close of business on
Friday 12 April 1991.

Lloyds Bank

THE THOROUGHBRED BANK.

Lloyds Bank Plc, 71 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3BS.

MORGAN GRENFELL

Morgan Grenfell announces that its Base Rate is reduced from 12.5% to 12% per annum with effect from 12 April 1991 until further notice.

All facilities (including regulated consumer credit agreements) with a rate linked to Morgan Grenfell Base Rate will be varied accordingly.

Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited
Member of The Securities and Futures Authority
23 Great Winchester Street, London EC2P 2AX

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from 12.5% p.a.
to 12.0% p.a.

all facilities (including regulated consumer credit agreements) with a rate of interest linked to first direct base rate are varied accordingly, with the exception of the authorised overdraft rate on agreed overdrafts under £2,000 on the first direct cheque account which remains unchanged at 18.00% p.a.

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ished steps that climbed to summit of Savoy

BUSINESS PROFILE
By Carol Leonard

Giles Shepard

A stickler for appearance realises his ultimate ambition in running one of London's great hotel empires

instantly if he is cross. "He gets that sucked lemon look with his lips pursed".

Anthony Chisendale-Marsh, an old family friend, four years his junior at Eton College and then a contemporary at Charrington's brewery, agrees that the first impression Shepard creates is often one of pomposity.

"But if you get to know him you quickly realise your first impression was mistaken. He is certainly very traditional and ambitious, although he so loves the job he does now I shouldn't think he wants for any other."

Chisendale-Marsh adds, however, that Shepard does seem to "collect people".

"If he comes to dinner here and meets people, whether they are important or not, we often hear later he has taken them out to dinner in London. I suppose it's part of his job."

Shepard, it should be said, is nevertheless clear about the distinction between friends and acquaintances. "I have hundreds and hundreds of acquaintances," he says, "but very few real friends. I could count them on two hands."

But, casting such practical considerations aside, Shepard is, Chisendale-Marsh says, always a popular house guest. "All our friends adore him. He has a great sense of humour and is a great raconteur."

But it is the subject of ambition that seems to trouble Shepard more than any other. Asked to describe himself, he says he is "confident, decisive, generous, with a good sense of [illegible] at myself".

He is, he admits, perhaps "too conventional" — the staff, including his secretary, all call him "sir" or "Mr Shepard" — "and I'm not wildly ambitious. I think people would say that." But when I tell him that most people who know him well do indeed mention ambition, he seems strangely perplexed. He telephones me a few days later. "I've been thinking about it," he says. "I am ambitious but for the company rather than for myself."

No unfulfilled personal ambitions then? "I cannot think of anything else I would rather do. I love this job and I would hope that I never make another move." Chisendale-Marsh was spot on.

There is no dissatisfaction with him from his fellow directors. Sir Michael Richardson, chairman of Smith New Court, the broker, a director of the Savoy for 12 years and the man who gave him his job, says he is "an extraordinarily nice man with a brilliant academic brain. The Savoy is almost a religion with him; it is his life. He has done an excellent job. I would go a long way to back him."

Shepard has been a director of the Savoy since 1976, taking over from Sir Hugh Wontner as managing director in 1979. He was previously managing director of Westminster & Country Properties and simultaneously a non-executive director of the Dorchester Hotel. Before that he worked for Charrington's and as a director of H P Bulmer, the cider maker.

There are those who would argue that the driving force behind Shepard's career has in fact been Peter, his wife of 25 years. "Her parents had decided on the name Peter whether they had a boy or a girl. I call her Peter, never Pete — she would strike you." She frequently complains, he says, that he does not tell her enough about the business.

"She enjoys getting involved in the business but she complains that she hears more about it from others. I might talk to her about redecorating or a new chef but I am inclined not to talk about figures because what you don't tell people, they can't talk about." He admits they are opposites in many ways.

"She is an amazingly good organiser and is meticulous about money. It's her good Yorkshire upbringing. She always fills in her cheque book stubs and knows exactly how much is in her bank account. She will spend money on clothes but then feels terribly guilty. I'm far more extravagant and I don't fill in my cheque book stubs."

Of his two children, his son Alexander, aged 19, due to read sociology and psychology at Bristol University in October, is most like him. "He is hard working and I am quite hard working," says Shepard. "He takes enormous trouble with his appearance if you chase him, but otherwise he will appear looking rather scruffy."

One tries to imagine Shepard looking scruffy. It is impossible. His daughter Tara, aged 22, who handles public relations for the Berkeley Hotel, is, he says, exactly the same as his wife. "She is highly organised and meticulous in every way."

Shepard's own childhood — he is nine years older than his only brother Oliver — was extremely contented. Born in London, he moved with his mother into his grandmother's house in Hereford in 1940, the home town of both sides of his family for generations. "It was a big house with a cook, maid and two gardeners. After the war we moved back to London and then Ascot, and there we had a cook, a gardener and a butler. I suppose we were spoilt and well looked after."

His father, a chartered accountant and now aged 84, was a director of several subsidiaries of GKN. "He is a highly intelligent person and rather austere," he says. Shepard, although also highly intelligent — he was a King's scholar at Eton and the first member of his family to attend the school — is much more like his mother. "She was more outgoing, she enjoyed racing. I'm rather extravagant, like her. I will spend money if I've got it, but I have got some of my father's application to get things done: like fixing one's mind on the way to get something completed in business and not being diverted."

Eton clearly had a big influence on him and he still has many friends from his days there. "Going to Eton must be one of the greatest advantages that you can have in life. The style of education there teaches you to manage your life." But although he was a King's scholar, as were Douglas Hurd and Harold Macmillan, he is not typical.

"It is strange to find a King's scholar in business, most are in law, universities or journalism. I was never very good at writing, I haven't got the imagination. And I was out of the mould of most colleges at Eton because I wasn't so tied to my books. The majority of my friends came from the rest of the school." He is bright then, but not an intellectual.

Shepard's sense of fun also stems back to his childhood. On VE Day, at prep school at Ludlow, Shropshire, he became so excited that he swung from a gas bracket and pulled it off the wall. "I wasn't the lightest of children and I then had to stand on my bed with my finger plugging the hole while a carpenter made a wooden plug to fill it. Everyone else went outside for a party."

He never tires of socialising and, despite his profession, loves nothing more than going out for a meal with friends. "I love it when friends take me to other restaurants because I don't have to worry that things will go wrong, that the person at the next table might be getting slow service." His favourite non-Savoy haunts are the Capital Hotel, the Greenhouse in Hays Mews and all of Mark Birley's establishments: Annabel's, Mark's Club and Harry's Bar.

Good company and charming though he is, it is difficult to imagine Shepard dancing the night away at Annabel's with a mystery blonde. Women adore him and he admits he loves to gossip, but he is not the sort of man who is obviously passionate.

Although he commutes from his Winchester home, he regularly spends two or three nights in London at one of the Savoy's hotels. And if his wife is not with him he is more likely to dine alone at one of his clubs — White's and Pratt's — than go out on the town.

"He is certainly not the sort of man who would chase the girls in the office around their desks," says his secretary. In short, although popular with women, he is not the kind of man any husband would instinctively see as a threat. At home in the army — he was an officer in the Coldstream Guards for five years — he is more of a man's man.

And, whether he still has ambitions or not, he certainly does have the air of a man who is contented with his lot. He first stayed at the Savoy Hotel with his parents in 1945, at the end of the war. "I remember thoroughly enjoying it. I was eight at the time and when I got back to school I wrote to my mother saying that I hoped one day I could run the Savoy. I thought it would be a wonderful job and certainly better than driving a fire engine or a train."

> *'When I got back to school I wrote to my mother saying I hoped one day I could run the Savoy. I thought it would be a wonderful job, better than driving a fire engine or a train.'*

TIM BISHOP

Office dress: the self-polished shoes go on parade for Savoy managing director Giles Shepard with Peter, his wife

Base Rate Change

With effect from
the close of business on
Friday, 12th April 1991
Co-operative Bank Base Rate
changes from
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THE CO-OPERATIVE BANK

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Girobank plc
Base Rate

Girobank announces that with effect from close of business yesterday (12th April 1991) its Base Rate is reduced from 12.5% to 12% per annum.

Reg Office: 10 Milk Street London EC2V 8JH
Reg No: 1950000

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N, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

British Gas imports a tenth of its needs through the Frigg pipeline, which terminates at St Fergus, Scotland.

The gas company is pressing John Wakeham, the energy secretary, for consent to import 500 million cubic feet a day, about 6.7 per cent of expected needs, from 1995 onwards.

The energy department's determination to enhance competition in the industrial gas market means that consent for its proposals is by no means certain.

National Power yesterday said it was seeking further gas supplies from independent groups.

The generating company and PowerGen, its smaller rival, are anxious to replace some of their coal-fired plant with combined cycle gas turbines.

The latter are more efficient and would enable the generators to meet the stricter environmental standards that now apply in the industry at a lower cost.

Dresdner Bank seeks BNP link

By Wolfgang Münchau, European Business Correspondent

THE move towards closer links between German and French banks received another boost yesterday, when Wolfgang Röller, chief executive of Dresdner Bank, announced a possible cross-shareholding and the extension of an existing co-operation agreement with Banque Nationale de Paris.

The move highlights a growing interest by German banks in a country where they play no significant role. French banks have been equally unsuccessful in gaining a foothold in Frankfurt.

The Dresdner/BNP link mirrors a similar arrangement expected to be announced soon by Commerzbank and Crédit Lyonnais. So far only Germany's largest bank, Deutsche Bank, has not yet taken similar steps but it is known to be interested in expanding into France.

The deal is made possible after a recent about-turn by the French socialist government, allowing private companies to take minority stakes in French state-owned firms. Previously, it had been official French policy to leave the existing ownership structures, inherited from the conservative government, unchanged, with no further privatisations or nationalisations.

Under a limited co-operation agreement, Dresdner and BNP already have representatives on each other's supervisory boards.

Herr Röller yesterday also announced the bank's partial operating profit for 1990, which showed a 4 per cent increase to DM1.95 billion.

Group operating profit figures, including securities trading, were released for the first time, amounting to DM2.5 billion.

The most significant event for the bank last year was its expansion into the eastern German market, where it established 125 branch networks on July 1. Partly due to this expansion, business volume rose by 26.4 per cent to DM183 billion. The dividend will remain at DM12 a share.

BASE RATE

With effect from
close of business on
12 April 1991
Base Rate has been
decreased
from 12.5% to
12% per annum.

The Royal Bank of Scotland

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities drift lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 2. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day April 15. Settlement day April 22.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
2	Countryside	Building,Roads	
3	Ocean Group	Transport	
4	Century	Oil,Gas	
5	Slough Estates	Property	
6	Delta	Electricals	
7	IMI	Industrials E-K	
8	Beattie (James) 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
9	Spring Ram	Industrials S-Z	
10	BM Gp	Industrials A-D	
11	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
12	Baker Harris	Property	
13	Northumbrian	Water	
14	Utd Newspapers	Newspapers,Pub	
15	Cap & Counties	Property	
16	Clyde Pet	Oil,Gas	
17	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
18	Barclays	Banks,Discount	
19	AB Elect	Electricals	
20	BAA	Transport	
21	Merivale Moore	Property	
22	Utd Biscuits	Foods	
23	TSB	Banks,Discount	
24	Unitech	Electricals	
25	Brammer	Industrials A-D	
26	Assoc Fisheries	Foods	
27	Wagon Ind	Industrials S-Z	
28	Owners Abroad	Leisure	
29	Abbey National	Banks,Discount	
30	Metalrax	Industrials L-R	
31	Lyles (S)	Textiles	
32	Chesterfield	Property	
33	Cadbury-Schwp	Foods	
34	Berkeley Gp	Building,Roads	
35	Harrison Crosfld	Industrials E-K	
36	First Leisure	Leisure	
37	Bentalls	Drapery,Stores	
38	Barr (AG)	Foods	
39	Calor Gp	Oil,Gas	
40	Ferguson Intl	Paper,Print,Adv	
41	Microgen	Electricals	
42	Telfos	Industrials S-Z	
43	Sthrn Water	Water	
44	News Intl	Newspapers,Pub	
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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in today's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

There were no valid claims for the Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. The £2,000 will be added to Monday's competition.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

UNDATED

INDEX-LINKED

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BUILDING, ROADS

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

DRAPERY, STORES

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FINANCE, LAND

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

FOODS

HOTELS, CATERERS

INDUSTRIALS A-D

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INSURANCE

Investment Trusts appear on Page 26

LEISURE

MINING

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

OILS, GAS

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

PROPERTY

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TEXTILES

TOBACCOS

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WATER

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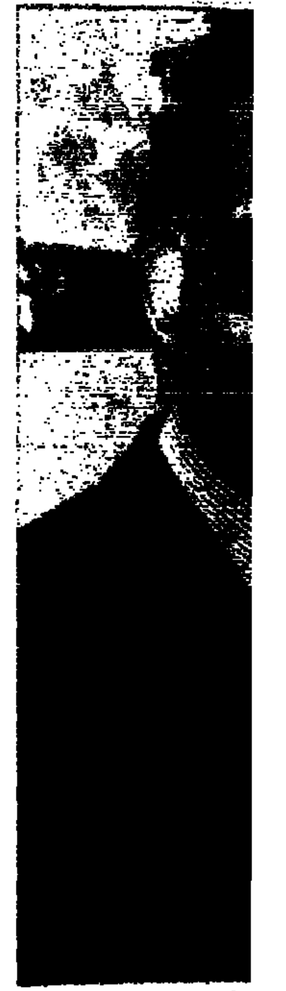

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between 250p and 270p a share (373p a share at last balance sheet date), and until sentiment distinctly turns for the better, the shares are only for the brave.

Wembley

THE £65 million spent on the Wembley stadium complex during the past five years is taking its toll on the owner, Wembley plc.

This high capital expenditure, coupled with Sir Brian Wolfson's apparent inability to let a good deal pass, meant Wembley finished the year with borrowings of more than £150 million and gearing of about 95 per cent.

The picture might have been a great deal worse, but for a £38 million sale and leaseback on Wembley's conference centre, exhibition hall and adjoining office block.

Not surprisingly, Sir Brian, Wembley's chairman, is planning more sale and leaseback deals to reduce gearing. A lesser company might use such property deals to cloud otherwise poor profits.

Not Wembley, which must be given credit for reporting in a form which shows exactly how the company is doing, with and without property deals.

Stripped of £5.2 million from the sale and leaseback deal, Wembley's pre-tax profit in the year to end-December was unchanged at £8.5 million. Fully diluted earnings per share fell to 5.6p (6.7p), out of which a total dividend of 2.4p (2p) is declared.

With property included, pre-tax profits rose by 18.3 per cent to £13.2 million.

By mixing several forms of sports and musical events, the company is already reaping the reward for its investment in the Wembley complex. Its operating profits rose by more than £3 million to £8.6 million and was the driving force behind a doubling in sports and entertainment profits.

There has been impressive growth elsewhere. That said, as fast as operating profits rise, so does the interest charge, which in 1990 jumped by 90 per cent to £12.7 million.

Reducing borrowings remains the priority, but with revenues continuing to come under pressure, 1991 is unlikely to see much progress in pre-tax profits.

At 84p, the shares (ex property profits) trade on 15 times prospective earnings. One to return to after the interims.

Century Oils

THE market seems to have made up its mind that a white knight is not going to come charging to the rescue of plucky Century Oils, Britain's biggest independent lubricants company.

The share price has barely wavered from a penny or two below the increased 145p offer from Fuchs Group, the German bidder, since the stakes were upped on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Fuchs has experienced few difficulties in topping up its holding through market purchases and is now free to continue doing so on Monday, having passed the 30 per cent threshold yesterday.

With a third of the target in the bank, the battle looks all but over, leaving a simple choice for shareholders. Hold out for the full 145p but wait six weeks for the money, or forgo a couple of pence a share and sell in the market on Monday. There is little risk attached to either option, but on balance selling in the market probably has the edge.

STOCK MARKET

Hawker's shares up by 15p after renewed bid talk

FRESH bid speculation lifted the shares in **Hawker Siddeley** by a further 15p to 607p, having touched 620p. Hawker's shares, which have outperformed the All-Share Index by 12 per cent over the past three months, have now risen by about 44 per cent since the beginning of this year.

Rumours of a bid either from **BTR**, the industrial conglomerate, which had stirred the market last month by declaring that it was seeking acquisitions, or from Hanson, have resurfaced.

Market-makers said the Hawker price was marked higher but that volume was thin, with *811,000* shares traded. Charles Burrows, an engineering analyst at James Capel, said: "No one's prepared to go short."

BTR would not comment on the rumours, suggesting that they were unfounded. Chris Bull, BTR's finance director, said: "This sort of story in the market is something we don't comment on." BTR was 8p lower at 404p, while Hanson eased 4½p to 220p.

The market gave a muted response to the better than expected falls in both the headline and underlying inflation rates, signalled by the government's decision to ease interest rates.

Goodhead lost 5p to 32p after a profits warning. Goodhead is disposing of a subsidiary for £4.5 million. John Madejski, the publisher of *Thames Valley Auto Trader*, bought 155,000 shares at 33p, adding to his 10.5 per cent and fuelling speculation that he may go on the board or bid.

The long-awaited half-point cut in base rates to 12 per cent had been largely discounted and dealers began to speculate on how far away the next cut may be, with many looking for a further reduction in the run-up to the local elections next month.

An early sell programme from UBS Phillips & Drew and a smaller buy and sell programme from Salomons combined to push the market lower on the last day of the account. The FT-SE 100 index traded in a relatively narrow range before closing 5.5 lower at 2,526.1. The FT index of 30 shares shed 4.7 to 1,997.5. Volume managed to reach 621.4 million shares. Government securities ended about £⅜ lower.

Banks were mainly positive in their reaction to lower base rates and the prospect of up to one percentage point off mortgage rates. **Standard Chartered**, which is heavily exposed to debts, reacted more strongly than most, jumping 18p to 406p. **Abbey National** rose 2p to 286p, **Barclays** 4p to 472p and **National Westminster** 6p to 339p. **Lloyds** lost 7p to 353p, while **Midland** fell 5p to 223p as 9.9 million shares changed hands.

BZW has been recommending a switch from Commercial Union to Royal Insurance. BZW argues that Royal is more geared to the non-life assurance recovery cycle, which is expected to turn up by the end of the year. CU lost 6p to 523p, while Royal rose 10p to 470p.

Hambros, the merchant banking and financial services group, jumped 10p to 277p after the news that Baltica, one of Denmark's largest insurance groups, had placed its 14 per cent holding at 262p.

Oils were once again firm as the price of crude strengthened. **British Petroleum** rose 7½p to 349p, **Shell** 10p to 499p, **British-Borneo** 30p to 678p, and **Lasmo** 2p to 353p. **Ultramar**, which announced that Cazenove, its broker, is providing a new, low-cost service to private investors, was 4p easier at 330p, while the renewed talk of a sale of the Elf stake in **Enterprise** pushed the shares 11p lower to 551p.

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WALL STREET

New York

BLUE chips rose steadily in morning trading as investors, cheered by lower than expected March consumer price figures, bought shares in anticipation of the Federal Reserve easing monetary policy. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 23 points to 2,928.45

(Reuter)

	Apr 12 AM figs	Apr 11 close		Apr 12 AM figs	Apr 11 close		Apr 12 AM figs	Apr 11 close
Abbott Lab	50%	50%	Enron	55%	56	Oryx Enrgy	33	32%
Aetna Life	48%	48%	Entergy	24%	24½	Pac Ent	36%	36%
Ahmanson	17	18%	Ethyl	31%	31%	Pac Gas Elec	28%	28%
Air Prods	65%	65½	Exxon	58%	58%	Pac Telesis	41%	41%
Albertsons	47%	47%	Fed NMA	48%	48%	Paccar	38%	38%
Alcan Al	20%	20%	Fedrl Exprs	32	33%	Pacificrop	22%	22%
Alco Stand	30%	32%	Fst Norstar	17%	17%	Pall	35%	35%
Allied Signal	28%	28%	Fluor	45%	45	Paramount	40%	40%
Alumin CA	62	63	FMC	35½	35%	Parker-Hanin	24%	24%
Am Brands	41%	41½	Ford Motor	31%	31%	Penney	50%	49%
Am Cyanmd	58½	58%	FPL	30%	30%	Pennzoil	72%	72%
Am EPC	28%	28%	Fst Chicago	22%	22%	Pepsico	33	32%
Am General	40%	41	Fst Intrsta	33%	32	Pfizer	56	55%
Am Home	58	58%	Fst Union	20%	22%	Phlips Pet	27%	28%
Am Intl	88%	89%	Gannett	40%	39%	Phlips Elec	20%	20%
Am Medical	7%	7½	Gen Cinema	23%	23%	Phlp Morris	68%	68%
Am Stores	88%	88%	Gen Elec	72%	72%	Phlps Dodge	63%	63%
Amax	24%	24%	Gen Mills	56%	57	Pitney Bow	58	58%
Amer Hess	48%	47½	Gen Motors	37	37%	Plcr Dome	14	14%
Ameritech	64%	64%	Gen RE	98%	99%	PNC Fncl	31%	31%
Amex	27%	27%	Gen Signal	44%	44%	Pnndle Estn	14%	14
Amoco	52%	52%	Genentech	28%	27%	Polaroid	24%	24%
AMP	52½	52%	Genuine Pts	39%	39%	PPG Inds	47	47
AMR	59%	59%	Georgia-Pac	41½	41%	Prctr Gmble	86%	85%
Anheuser-B	50½	51	Gillette	75%	76%	Price	53%	53
Apple Comp	70½	71	Goodrich	40%	40%	Primerica	31%	31%
Archer-Dan	22%	22½	Goodyear	22%	22%	Pub Service	27%	27%
Arida	18%	19	Grace	30%	31%	Quaker Oats	58%	50
Armstrong	29%	29%	Greyhound	32	31%	Ralston Pur	57%	57%
Asarco	27%	27½	Gt Atlantic	53	53%	Raychem	23%	24
Ashland Oil	32%	32%	Gt Western	17%	17%	Raytheon	79%	80%
AT&T	34%	34%	GTE	32%	32%	Reebok	24%	24
Atlan Richfld	128%	127%	Hallibrtn	42%	42	Roadway	53%	53%
Auto DP	68%	68%	Heinz	39%	39%	Rockwell	27%	27%
Avery Intl	23%	24	Hercules	33%	34	Rohm Haas	39%	39%
Avon Prod	44	44	Hershey Fd	41%	41%	Royal Dutch	80%	79%
Baltimore	28%	28%	Hewlett Pkd	51%	50%	Rubbermaid	50%	50%
Banc One	36%	36%	Hilton Htl	42%	40%	Rynlds Mtl	55%	55%
Bankamerica	37	37%	Home Depot	56%	56%	Safeco	42	42%
Bard	22%	22%	Homestake	15%	15%	Salomon	31	30%
Barnett Bl	24%	24½	Honeywell	58%	58%	Sant Fe Pac	8%	8%
Bausch Lmb	80%	80%	Houston Ind	36%	37	Sara Lee	39%	39%
Baxter Intl	35%	35½	Hsehld Intl	44%	44%	Schecorp	38%	38%
Bec Dickin	78½	79%	Humana	50%	50%	Schlumbgr	57%	58%
Bell Atlan	50%	50	IBM	108%	110%	Schrg-Plgh	49%	49
Bellsouth	52	51%	IF&F	81%	81%	Scott Papr	38%	38%
Bkr Hughes	25%	26%	Illinois TW	54%	53%	Seagram	94%	94%
Black Decker	13%	13%	Inco	33%	33%	Sears Rbk	36%	35%
Block	52%	53%	Ingsol-Rand	45%	46%	Secrty Pac	24%	24%
Bnkrs Tst NY	45½	46	Inland Steel	18%	19%	Shrwn-Wlms	24%	25
Boeing	46%	47½	Intel	52%	52	Skyline	17%	18
Boise Casc	25½	25%	Intl Paper	62%	62%	Snap-on Tls	39%	39%
Borden	37%	37½	ITT	57%	56%	Southern	28%	28
Brist-Myer	78%	78½	James River	25%	25%	St Paul	70%	71
Browng-Fer	26%	26%	Johnsn Jhsn	96%	97%	Stanley Wk	35%	35%
Burl Nth	28	27%	K Mart	42%	43	Stone Cnr	14%	14%
CAI	8%	8%	Kellogg	95%	94%	Sun Co	32%	32%
Campbell Sp	83%	84%	Kerr-McGee	43%	43%	Suntst Bk	29%	29
Cap Cities	464%	463	Kimbly-Clrk	86%	87%	Super Valu	26%	27%
Capital HC	51	51	Knght-Rddr	48%	48%	SW Bell	52%	52%
Carolina	48%	48%	Lilly	80%	80%	Syntex	83%	84%
Caterpiller	48%	47%	Limited	29%	29	Sysco	38%	38%
CBS	157	160	Lin Brdcstg	71	70%	Tandem	14%	14%
Central SW	45%	45%	Lincln Nat	51%	51	Tandy	34%	34%
Champion	26%	28%	Litton Ind	89	88%	Tele-comm	16%	16%
Chase Man	17%	17½	Lockheed	42%	42%	Teledyne	20%	20%
Chem Bnkg	18%	18%	Louis-Pac	31%	31%	Temple-In	38%	38%
Chevron	76%	76%	Manu Hano	27%	27%	Tenneco	43%	43%
Chrysler	13%	13%	Marriott	17%	17%	Texaco	66%	67
Chubb	70%	71%	Marsh Mclen	84%	84	Texas Inst	43%	42%
Cigna	53%	53%	Martin Mar	55	55	Texas Util	37%	37%
Citicorp	15%	15%	Masco	22%	23%	Textron	31%	31
Clbrne Lz	48	47%	May Dept	54	54%	Tyme Wrnr	113%	113%
Clorox	38	38%	Maytag	13%	13%	Times Mirr	29%	29%
Cmwlth Edis	39%	39%	McDnl Doug	43%	42%	Timken	24%	25%
CNA Fincl	85%	86%	McDonalds	35%	35%	Torchmark	55%	55%
Coastal	31%	31%	McGraw-Hill	59%	60	Toys R Us	28%	28%
Coca-Cola	52%	52%	MCI Com	27%	26%	Transam	34	33%
Colgate-Pal	79%	79%	Mead	29%	29%	Travelers	24%	24%
Columb Gas	45%	45%	Medtronic	119%	118%	Tribune	43%	43%
Compaq	64%	65%	Mellon Bk	29%	29%	TRW	39%	39%
Conagra	44	44%	Melville	52%	53%	Tyco Lab	48%	48%
Cons Edis	25%	25%	Merck	108%	108%	UAL	149%	149%
Cons NG	41½	41%	Merll Lynch	37%	37%	Un Camp	42%	42%
Cons Rail	46%	46%	MM&M	88	88%	Un Carbide	17	18%
Cooper Ind	50%	50%	Mobil	66%	65%	Un Pacific	76%	75%
Corning	58%	58%	Monsanto	58%	58	Unilever	87%	88%
CPC Intl	85%	84%	Moore	25%	25%	Unisys	5	5%
Crown Cork	72%	73	Morgan	49%	50%	Unocal	26%	26%
CSX	38%	38%	Motorola	63%	62%	Upjohn	45%	46%
Dana	26%	26%	Nat Medical	49%	48%	US West	38%	38%
Dayton-Hud	74%	75	Nat Semi	7%	7%	Usair Gp	18%	18%
Deere	47%	48%	Nat Service	25%	26	USF&G	11%	12%
Delta Air	68%	68%	Navistar	3%	3%	US Life	38%	38%
Deluxe	38%	39%	NCNB	36%	35%	UST	45%	45%
Detroit Ed	28%	29%	NCR	95%	95%	USX	33%	33
Digital Eq	65%	65%	NED Bncp	39%	38%	Utd Tech	47%	47%
Dillard	114	111%	Newmnt Min	35%	35%	Utd Telcm	23%	23%
Disney	115%	115	Niagr Mhwk	14%	14%	VF	26%	26
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Dresser Ind	24%	24%	Nthn St Pwr	34%	34%	Whirlpool	28%	28%
Du Pont	38%	38	Nthn Telcm	32%	32	Whitman	13%	13%
Duke Pwr	28%	28%	NY Times	20%	20%	Winn-Dixie	37%	37
Dun Bradst	46%	47%	Nynex	72%	72%	Woolworth	31%	31%
East Kodak	41%	41%	Occid Petrl	19%	19%	Wrigley	81%	81%
Eaton	55%	55%	Ohio Edi	18%	18%	Wrner-Lamb	78%	78%
Emerson El	45%	45%	Oracle Sys	11	11	Xerox	57%	57%

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed Int	171.4	180.5	-0.9	..
Index-Linked	150.0	158.0	+1.2	..
Equity	264.0	277.9	-1.9	..
Cash	183.9	193.7	..	..
Can Life Euro Mg Fd	245.1	258.1	-3.0	..
Can Life Int Fd	249.0	262.1	-2.8	..
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081-902 8876				
Capital Gth Acc	97.3	103.0	-0.9	..
Equity Units	£94.6		-0.1	..
Property Units	£27.82		-0.02	..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£47.94	50.73	-0.42	..
2nd Equity Accum	482.6	510.6	-0.5	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	481.2	509.2	+0.2	..
2nd Property Accum	255.6	270.5	-0.3	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	137.3	145.3	-0.3	..
2nd Managed Acc	337.4	357.0	-3.0	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	158.9	168.1	-1.8	..
2nd Deposit Accum	236.2	249.9	+0.3	..
2nd Gilt Accum	220.0	232.8	-2.6	..
2nd Amer Accum	365.9	387.2	-13.1	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	199.1	210.7	-0.4	..
2nd Index Accum	143.2	151.5	-0.4	..
2nd Far East Accum	314.8	333.1	-4.9	..
2nd Global Accum	106.0	112.2	-2.3	..
2nd Euro Accum	120.6	127.6	-0.7	..
2nd Japan Accum	177.6	187.9	-2.2	..
2nd Heritage Acc	71.6	75.8	-0.1	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	109.8	116.2	+0.2	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd, Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA 0908-606101				
Property Fund	207.2	218.1	..	..
Money Fund	313.4	329.9	+0.5	..
Managed Fund	446.2	469.7	-4.9	..
Equity Fund	252.0	265.3	-2.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	175.0	184.3	..	..
Far East Fund	387.3	407.7	..	..
Nth Amer Fund	111.7	117.6	..	..
Nat Resources Fund	236.0	248.5	..	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 290566 Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	206.9	217.8	-2.1	..
Ruby	110.6	116.7	-1.3	..
Emerald	111.7	117.6	+0.1	..
Equity	245.2	258.2	-2.8	..
Property	183.0	192.7	..	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	151.1	159.1	-0.2	..
Indexed Secs	130.0	136.9	+0.1	..
Cash	154.7	162.9	+0.2	..
Nth American	141.8	149.3	-2.0	..
Far East	199.6	210.2	-1.1	..
International	157.5	165.8	-2.0	..
Special Sits	209.8	220.9	+0.1	..
Intl Income	214.6	225.9	-1.4	..
American Inc	123.0	129.5	-1.8	..
European	216.6	228.0	-4.2	..
Japanese	125.7	132.4	-0.3	..
SE Asia	179.6	189.1	-2.5	..
Home Inv WP Reg	122.6	129.1	+0.2	..
Home Inv WP Spec	122.6	129.1	+0.2	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	213.3	224.6	-1.4	..
Equity	261.0	274.8	-1.9	..
Property	158.3	164.6	-0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	169.2	178.2	..	..
Index Linked	139.8	147.2	+0.7	..
Cash	192.3	202.5	+0.5	..
Nth American	165.3	174.1	-2.5	..
Far East Acc	229.8	241.9	-1.4	..
International Acc	191.6	201.7	-2.6	..
Special Sits	292.6	308.1	-0.1	..
European Flex	274.1	288.6	-3.6	..
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CML U Ass-Key	189.13		+1.88	..
CML U Ass-Pacemkr	237.16		+4.36	..
CML U Ass-Cash	173.0	182.1	+0.29	..
CML U Ass Equity	423.4	445.7	+8.02	..
CML U Ass-FI	248.0	261.1	+1.15	..
CML U Ass Mngd	308.4	324.6	+4.95	..
CML U Ass Prop	308.5	324.8	+3.91	..
CML(Pen) Cash Cap	184.0	193.7	..	..
CML(Pen) Cash Inv	238.8	240.3	..	..
CML(Pen) Eqty Cap	£11.59	12.20	..	..
CML(Pen) Eqty Inv	£14.92	15.71	..	..
CML(Pen) FInd Cap	273.8	288.3	..	..
CML(Pen) FInd Inv	352.5	371.1	..	..
CML(Pen) Indx Cap	174.1	183.2	..	..
CML(Pen) Indx Inv	224.1	235.9	..	..
CML(Pen) Man Cap	461.2	485.5	..	..
CML(Pen) Man Inv	593.7	625.0	..	..
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 071-283 7500				
Var Ann Accum (5)	481.83			..
Var Ann (5)	80.34			..
Prime- Managed	282.3	297.2	-1.3	..
Prime- UK Equity	349.7	366.2	-0.7	
Prime- Intl Equity	196.6	207.0	-3.1	
Prime- Property	177.4	186.8		
Prime- Fixed Interest	173.3	183.4	+0.1	..
Prime- Index-Linked	134.5	141.6	+0.2	
Prime- Cash	170.6	179.6	+0.2	..
CONFEDERATION LIFE 50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE 071-242 0282				
Managed Fund	808.3	850.3	-2.9	..
Equity Fund	£11.94	12.57	-0.14	..
PP Fund	£58.257		-0.90	..
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
Life Managed Acc	433.6	456.4	-2.7	
Life Fixed Int Accum	272.0	286.3	-1.2	
Life Equity Accum	601.0	633.5	-7.0	
Life Money Accum	343.7	362.8	+0.3	
Life Inv Trust Accum	532.2	560.3	-1.2	
Life Inv Accum	373.4	393.0	-3.2	
Life High Inc Accum	570.6	600.0	-3.1	
Life Property Accum	211.0	222.1	-2.8	
Crown Brit Inv A	606.7	639.0		
Growth Equity	533.4	558.3		
RPS Managed	245.1	258.0		
Growth Accum	371.0	390.7		
CRUSADER INSURANCE Reigate Surrey RH2 8BL 0737 42424				
Measured Perf	112.6	118.1	-0.9	
Performance Plus	107.8	114.2	-1.0	
With Profit Perf	132.4	140.1		
UK Opportunity	142.6	149.0	-1.5	..
Eqty Opportunity	132.1	139.0	-1.7	

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North Amer Opp	90.1	95.3	-2.7	..
Far East Opp	128.2	135.7	..	..
Gth Prop Series 1	175.0	184.0	+1.6	..
Gth Prop Series 2	151.1	159.9	+0.1	..
Fixed Int	124.8	132.1	+0.8	..
Cash	131.8	139.5	+0.2	..
Managed Pens	411.7	420.1	..	..
Overseas	118.8	125.7	-1.5	..
EAGLE STAR INSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	145.7	153.4	+0.2	..
Blue Chip Fund	176.3	185.6	-1.0	..
Do Series 2	110.9	116.8	-0.8	..
Adventurous Fund	165.5	169.7	-0.4	..
Do Series 2	113.6	119.6	-0.3	..
Performance Fund	177.9	187.3	-1.8	..
Do Series 2	112.1	118.1	-1.2	..
UK Pref Fxd Int	102.9	108.4	-0.2	..
UK Equity Fund	106.4	112.0	+0.2	..
Property Fund	97.2	102.4	..	..
Envmntl Opps	105.9	111.5	-0.9	..
Euro Fund	100.4	105.7	-1.0	..
North Amer Fund	119.1	125.4	-1.2	..
Oriental Ops	116.8	122.6	-1.6	..
Japanese Fund	106.2	111.8	-0.5	..
Bri & West Life	..		..	..
Bri & West Pen	101.6	107.0	+0.2	..
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 1 Threadneedle St, London EC2 01-588 1212				
Eagle/Midland Units	202.1	209.4	-1.2	4.37
EQUITY & LAW Amersham Road, High Wycombe 0494 463453				
Reserve	..		..	..
Balncd (Mxd)	511.6	538.7	-3.3	..
Opportunity	115.9	122.0	-2.5	..
UK Equities	717.5	755.2	-6.4	..
Higher Inc	728.7	767.0	-2.9	..
North Amer	277.2	291.7	-5.7	..
Far East	373.0	392.6	-8.1	..
Europe	282.2	297.0	-4.7	..
Intnl	377.8	397.6	-5.2	..
Property	450.2	473.8	+0.4	..
Fixed Int	303.0	318.9	-0.8	..
Ind-Lnkd Sec	140.4	147.7	+0.2	..
G'teed Depst	244.5	257.3	+0.5	..
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixed)	213.1	224.4	-0.3	..
UK Equity	278.2	292.9	+0.6	..
Stewardship	242.6	255.4	-0.2	..
Overseas Equity	192.4	202.6	-2.2	..
North American	104.6	110.1	-0.1	..
Pacific Basin	105.9	111.5	-2.1	..
European	139.0	146.4	-1.3	..
Property	191.9	202.0	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest	152.2	160.3	-0.3	..
Index Linked	125.5	132.2	+0.1	..
Cash	164.4	173.1	+0.1	..
GT MANAGEMENT 8th Floor 8 Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YJ 071-283 2575				
GT Plan Bond Fund	182.6	192.3	..	..
GT Plan High Yield	274.7	289.2	..	..
GT Plan Far East	269.5	283.7	-0.1	..
GT Plan North Amer	149.7	157.6	..	..
GT Plan UK & GE	369.3	388.8	..	..
GT Plan Worldwide	288.1	303.3	-1.7	..
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2, Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR 0904 628982				
Managed	151.0	158.9	-0.4	..
Unitised with Profit				
UK Equity	203.2	213.8	+0.2	..
Fixed Int	146.8	154.4	-0.1	..
Index-Linked	127.6	134.2	+0.1	..
Cash Deposit	146.5	154.1	+0.1	..
Property	162.6	171.0	..	..
International	136.1	143.2	-1.3	..
American	116.4	122.5	-1.3	..
Japan	217.6	229.0	+0.4	..
Japan Smlr Co's	226.9	238.7	+0.6	..
European	130.5	137.2	-1.2	..
Pacific Fund	137.0	144.1	-1.7	..
Conv Life	109.5	115.2	-1.7	..
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE General Portfolio Hse, Harlow Essex CM20 2EW 0279 626262				
Portfolio Fd Acc	542.9		-2.8	.
Do Inl	333.0		-1.7	..
Do Inv #	542.8	571.5	-2.7	..
UK Equity	297.7	313.4	-1.5	..
Smaller Cos	173.0	182.2	+0.8	..
Gilt Plus	155.1	163.4	-0.3	..
Do 66	142.7	150.3	..	..
Managed	231.9	244.2	-1.1	..
Intnr Man	203.5	214.3	-1.2	..
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6, Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	536.2	565.0	-3.0	..
Money Fund	264.3	278.2	+0.3	..
Equity Fund	505.2	532.4	+6.8	..
Fixed Interest Fund	203.6	214.5	+0.4	..
Property Fund	306.1	322.6	..	.
Gresham Framlington				
American & General	336.9	355.0	-1.0	..
Income	549.5	578.8	-3.9	..
International Grwth	399.2	420.7	-5.9	
Capital Fund	455.7	480.2	-1.3	..
Recovery Fund	388.8	409.7	-3.2	.
Japan & General	250.2	263.6	-2.1	..
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3 071-283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	674.8	703.0	..	..
Managed Initial	368.1	387.4	-3.6	..
Do Accum	483.6	509.9	-4.4	..
Equity Initial	564.9	594.6	-7.7	..
Do Accum	742.1	781.1	-9.6	..
Fixed Int Initial	320.2	337.1	+1.6	..
Do Accum	420.7	442.8	+2.1	.
Ind Initial	338.0	355.8	-0.4	..
Do Accum	444.0	467.4	-0.3	
Nth Amer Initial	122.7	129.2	-0.8	..
Do Accum	146.7	154.4	-1.0	..
Pacific Initial	195.9	206.2	-1.5	..
Do Accum	232.0	244.2	-1.8	..
Property Initial	172.5	181.6	.	..
Do Accum	226.4	238.3	.	..

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Index-Linked Initial	133.0	140.0	+0.2	..
Do Accum	159.0	167.4	+0.3	..
Deposit Initial	175.3	184.5	+0.2	..
Do Accum	230.2	242.3	+0.3	..
Euro Initial	79.1	83.3	-0.9	..
Do Accum	87.4	92.0	-1.0	..
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE 41 Tower Hill London EC3N 4HA 071-702 9861				
Managed	124.0	130.6	-0.1	..
Do Pens	138.0	145.2	-0.2	..
UK Equity	116.3	122.4	-0.3	..
Do Pens	121.4	127.7	-0.5	..
International	104.2	109.8	-1.8	..
Do Pens	106.4	112.0	-1.9	..
Deposit	117.9	124.1	+0.2	..
Do Pens	130.9	137.7	+0.3	..
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3, Finsbury Ave London EC2M 2PA 071-638 5757				
UK Equity Inc	327.6	345.8	-2.8	..
UK Capital Gth	298.6	316.2	..	..
Global Equity	312.0	329.3	..	..
North America Fund	245.8	259.6	-3.4	..
Far East Fund	382.6	403.9	-3.7	..
Managed Fund	327.0	345.2	-3.5	..
Deposit Fund	189.5	199.5	+0.5	..
Prime Residential	136.7	143.9	..	..
European Fund	190.2	200.8	-1.9	..
Property Share Fd	120.2	126.6	..	..
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081-686 4355				
Security Fund	383.8	406.0	-1.1	..
British Fund	393.4	416.3	-2.7	..
International Fund	361.0	382.1	-3.9	..
Dollar Fund	258.2	273.3	-3.4	..
Capital Fund	349.1	369.5	-1.8	..
Income Fund	507.8	537.4	-11.6	..
Property Series 'A'	371.6	393.3	..	..
Property Units	604.8	635.1	..	..
Financial Fund	364.7	386.0	-3.5	..
Managed Series 'A'	403.9	427.5	-1.3	..
Do 'C'	249.3	264.4	-1.3	..
Managed Units	715.6	753.3	-2.1	..
High Yield Fund	504.2	533.6	-1.2	..
Money Series 'A'	236.3	250.1	+0.4	..
Money Units	306.0	324.3	+0.5	..
Equity Fund	456.0	482.6	-2.0	..
Fixed Interest Fund	257.9	273.0	+0.4	..
Indexed Secs Fund	140.7	148.9	+0.1	..
European Fund	527.0	557.7	-2.1	..
Natural Res Fund	216.1	228.7	..	..
Far East Fund	432.2	457.4	-5.3	..
Smaller Co's Fund	348.0	368.2	-2.0	..
Special Sits Fund	357.3	378.1	+0.5	..
Man Currency Fund	206.4	218.5	+0.1	..
Japanese Tech	242.8	257.0	+0.5	..
US Smaller Co's	130.3	137.9	-0.9	..
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre Victoria St, St Albans Hertfordshire AL1 5TF 0727 48181				
Global Managed 3	418.3	440.3	+1.2	..
Global Property 3	251.8	265.1	..	..
Global Fixed Int 3	373.2	392.8	+1.2	..
Global Equity 3	477.2	502.3	+2.3	..
Global Cash 3	177.7	187.0	+0.8	..
LAS GROUP 10, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2YH 031-225 5494				
Managed Fund	248.7	261.8	-2.4	..
UK Equity	431.6	454.4	+1.5	..
Property	271.5	285.8	+0.2	..
Money Market	210.2	221.3	+0.3	..
Fixed Interest	241.4	254.2	-0.1	..
Japan	313.0	329.4	-3.4	..
North America	111.9	117.8	-0.9	..
International	189.2	199.4	..	..
European	179.2	188.6	-1.7	..
Far East	85.6	90.1	-1.7	..
Special Sits	75.8	79.8	-0.5	..
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Managed	315.4	332.0	-2.0	..
Gtd Mgd	383.2	403.4	+0.7	..
Property	458.3	482.9	+1.1	..
American	282.4	297.3	-2.1	..
UK Equity Fd	341.6	359.6	-2.8	..
Japan	169.1	178.0	-2.6	..
Index-Lkd	147.1	154.8	+0.1	..
High Yield	634.0	667.4	-6.2	..
Gilt Edged	325.9	343.1	+0.6	..
Money	333.4	351.0	+0.8	..
International	287.6	302.7	-3.3	..
Henderson Active	158.4	166.7	-1.3	..
Perpetual Active	200.4	210.9	-0.2	..
Growth Cap	338.2	356.0	..	..
Do Acc	486.6	512.2	-2.9	..
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2, Montefiore Rd, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 724566				
Bldg Soc Lnkd Int	125.9	132.6	+0.1	..
Do Accum	154.5	162.7	+0.3	..
Brit Opps Int	107.2	112.9	-0.6	..
Do Accum	119.1	125.4	-0.9	..
Cash Initial	154.6	162.8	+0.2	..
Do Accum	238.4	251.0	+0.4	..
Equity Initial	521.9	549.4	-4.1	..
Do Accum	804.5	846.9	-6.4	..
Fixed Initial	274.8	289.3	..	..
Do Accum	423.7	446.0	..	..
Index-Linked Gilt	113.4	119.4	+0.1	..
Do Accum	149.2	157.1	+0.2	..
Intl Initial	256.9	270.4	-3.1	..
Do Accum	389.8	410.4	-4.7	..
Managed Initial	374.3	394.0	-2.7	..
Do Accum	577.1	607.5	-4.1	..
Property Initial	191.9	202.0	+0.1	..
Do Accum	295.9	311.5	+0.2	..
LEGAL & GENERAL PROPERTY 11, Queen Vic St London EC4N 4TP 071-248 9678				
L & G (29)	300.3	310.5	..	..
LONDON LIFE 100, Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	697.2		+5.1	..
Fixed Interest	298.2		+1.3	..
Property	351.7		+0.2	..
Deposit	240.5		+0.4	..
Mixed	449.9		+2.4	..
Indexed Stock	182.0		+1.1	..
International	203.7		-0.5	..
Equity A	162.7		+1.4	..
Fixed Int A	128.6		+0.6	..

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Property A	155.5		+0.2	..
Deposit A	142.2		+0.2	..
Mixed A	148.3		+0.7	..
Index Stock A	127.6		+0.6	..
International A	128.0		-0.3	..
Equity P	665.5		+6.4	..
Fixed Int P	382.8		+2.1	..
Property P	272.0		+0.4	..
Deposit P	286.4		+0.5	..
Mixed P	395.4		+3.8	..
Index Stock P	184.1		+1.2	..
International P	224.9		-0.5	..
LON & MANCHESTER GROUP Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
Inv Trust Cap	459.2		-2.0	..
Do Accum	654.9		-2.4	..
Property Cap	182.6		..	..
Do Accum	254.4		+0.1	..
Fixed Interest Cap	168.8		-0.4	..
Do Accum	294.0		-0.4	..
Equity Cap	270.6		-1.0	..
Do Accum	378.2		-1.1	..
International Cap	197.0		-1.7	..
Do Accum	278.4		-2.1	..
Gtd Deposit Cap	165.4		+0.1	..
Do Accum	227.7		+0.3	..
Flexible Cap	300.5		-1.2	..
Do Accum	419.6		-1.4	..
Moneymaker Fund	335.9		-0.9	..
Capital Growth Fund	£11.75		-0.04	..
M & G Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 071-626 4588				
Amer Bond Acc	281.3	295.5	-0.8	..
Amer Rec Bond	282.6	296.8	-4.2	..
Amer Smlr Co Bond	140.1	147.2	-1.1	..
Australasia Bond	127.1	133.5	-1.0	..
Commodity Bond	193.6	203.4	-0.2	..
Deposit Bond Acc	301.3	316.5	+0.5	..
Equity Bond Accum	989.6	1039.1	-1.1	..
European Bond Acc	252.4	265.2	-0.2	..
Extra Yld Bd Accum	516.3	542.2	-0.8	..
Far East Bd Accum	178.1	187.1	-2.8	..
Gilt Bond Accum	315.9	331.8	-1.2	..
Gold Bond Accum	80.2	84.3	+1.7	..
High Yield Bond	296.0	310.9	-1.0	8.84
Index-Linked Gt Bd	164.2	172.5	..	..
International Bond	505.8	531.2	-3.7	..
Japan Bond Acc	239.0	251.0	-4.0	..
Japan Smlr Co Acc	220.8	232.0	-0.1	..
Managed Bonds	578.2	607.1	-8.2	..
Prop Bond Accum	293.4	308.1	+0.2	..
Rec Bond Accum	513.0	538.7	-3.3	..
MGM ASSURANCE MGM Hse Heene Rd, Worthing BN11 2DY 0903 204631				
UK Equity Fund	201.8	212.5	-0.4	..
Do Accum	252.6	265.9	-0.6	..
Special Sits Fund	109.3	115.1	-1.2	..
Do Accum	136.9	144.2	-1.3	..
North American Fd	142.4	149.9	-2.1	..
Do Accum	178.3	187.7	-2.5	..
Pacific Basin Fund	283.1	298.0	-2.8	..
Do Accum	354.4	373.1	-3.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	232.1	244.4	-0.5	..
Do Accum	290.8	306.2	-0.5	..
Property Fund	163.0	171.6	..	..
Do Accum	204.2	215.0	+0.1	..
Deposit Fund	135.8	143.0	+0.1	..
Do Accum	170.6	179.6	+0.3	..
Managed Fund	212.8	224.0	-1.1	..
Do Accum	252.1	265.4	-1.2	..
MANUFACTURERS LIFE St Georges Way, Stevenage 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	522.0	549.5	..	..
Property Fund	452.7	476.5	..	..
Equity Fund	654.6	689.0	..	..
Gilt Edged Fund	438.2	461.3	..	..
Deposit Fund	274.5	288.9	..	..
Investment Fund	279.0	293.0	..	..
International Fund	400.0	421.1	..	..
MERCHANT INVESTORS Leon House, 233 High St Croydon 081-686 9171				
Property	490.5	516.3	+0.6	..
Equity Bond	241.9	254.6	+0.3	..
Money Market Bond	401.7	422.8	-0.9	..
Deposit Fund	311.0	327.3	+0.5	..
Managed Fund	364.1	383.2	-0.6	..
Intl Equity	383.9	404.1	-1.7	..
Intl Managed	372.0	391.5	-1.3	..
North American	143.0	150.5	-0.6	..
Far East	295.0	310.5	-6.4	..
Intl Currency	213.4	224.6	+0.6	..
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Enterprise Hse, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	117.0	123.1	+0.6	..
Fixed Interest	398.1	418.9	-1.1	..
Managed	533.2	562.3	-2.6	..
Deposit	281.5	296.3	+0.5	..
Overseas	282.8	296.1	+1.7	..
Property	355.3	374.2	+0.4	..
American	296.0	311.5	-8.7	..
Australian	311.0	327.3	+1.8	..
European	392.2	412.8	-8.0	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	205.3	216.1	-1.2	..
Global Managed	111.2	117.1	-0.6	..
Income Accum	607.0	639.5	-5.1	..
Do Dist	424.3	446.6	-3.5	..
International	243.8	256.0	-1.7	..
Japan Smaller	551.8	580.8	-8.6	..
Singapore & Mal	186.1	195.8	-0.9	..
Smaller Companies	339.2	357.0	-23.0	..
Tokyo Fund	588.4	619.3	+3.3	..
UK Equity	461.4	485.8	-3.2	..
CCM Vang'd Mgd	538.6	567.1	+1.6	..
Equity Pension Cap	739.4	778.3	-4.3	..
Overseas Pension	283.3	298.2	-1.8	..
NATIONAL PROVIDENT 48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH 071-623 4200				
Managed	350.8	368.3	-2.2	..
UK Equity	447.9	471.5	-8.0	..
Overseas Equity	340.1	358.0	-2.3	..
Americas	272.8	287.2	-2.0	..
Far East	369.0	388.5	-6.3	..
Property	193.8	204.0	-0.4	..
Fixed Interest	256.8	270.4	-0.3	..
Indexed Gilt	154.0	162.2	+0.1	..
Deposit	179.2	188.7	+0.3	..
NORWICH UNION PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	£10.10	10.63	-0.09	..
Equity Fund	£21.66	22.80	-0.22	..
Property Fund (3)	523.6	551.2	+0.3	..

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Fixed Int Fund (3)	436.2	459.2	-0.8	..
Deposit Fund (3)	283.2	298.2	+0.7	..
Unit Fund (3)	165.1	173.8	-2.0	..
Unit-Linked Plus	£10.7197		..	..
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl Assurance Hse, Thorpe Wood Peterborough PE3 6SA 0733 63212				
Inv Prop Dist	145.0	152.7	+0.1	..
Do Accum	262.3	276.2	+0.2	..
Inv Equity	855.8	900.9	-4.2	..
Inv Managed	588.4	619.4	-2.8	..
Ret Managed	636.0	669.5	+0.5	..
PHOENIX ASSURANCE 4-5, King William St, EC4N 7BR 071-626 9876				
Wealth Assured	466.8	491.5	+0.5	..
Ebor Phoenix Equity	394.2	418.9	..	..
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Bridge Mills Stramongate Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB 0539 733733				
Managed Fund	572.1	602.7	-9.8	..
Cash Fund	278.5	293.5	..	..
Property Fund	216.0	228.8	..	..
Equity Fund	669.3	704.5	-7.3	..
Fxd Interest Fund	312.8	329.4	+1.0	..
International	313.8	330.5	-3.6	..
High Income	479.2	509.8	-6.9	..
Far East	402.2	423.9	-2.5	..
North American	273.2	287.9	-1.7	..
Special Sits	551.3	586.5	-7.5	..
Technology	279.7	294.8	-2.5	..
Extra Income Fund	291.3	309.9	-1.7	..
Gilt Fund 20	350.1	372.5	-0.5	..
European	102.6	108.2	-1.3	..
Adventurous Mgd	128.9	138.2	-1.1	..
Secure Mgd	103.2	109.8	-0.4	..
Equity Inc Dist	96.5	101.7	-0.6	..
Managed Dist	94.1	99.2	-0.7	..
PROPERTY GROWTH Leon House, Croydon CR9 1LU 081-680 0606				
Property Fund	436.3		+0.3	..
Property Fund (A)	412.7		+0.2	..
Agricultural Fund	649.4		+1.7	..
Agric Fund (A)	623.9		+1.6	..
Abbey Nat Fund	342.2		+0.2	..
Abbey Nat Fund (A)	396.6		+0.2	..
Investment Fund	252.1		-1.1	..
Investment Fund (A)	243.3		-1.0	..
Equity Fund	957.3		-8.2	..
Equity (A)	923.8		-7.9	..
Money Fund	382.7		+0.3	..
Money Fund (A)	369.7		+0.3	..
Actuarial Fund	432.1		-1.5	..
Gilt-Edged Fund	281.3		-0.4	..
Gilt-Edged Fund (A)	281.3		-0.4	..
Retire Annuity	895.5		..	..
Immed Annuity	279.0		..	..
International Fund	484.1		+3.0	..
Bldg Soc Life Fund	187.4		+0.2	..
PROVIDENCE CAPITAL 30, Uxbridge Rd, W12 8PG 081-749 9111				
Equity Fund Accum	229.9	242.6	-0.1	..
Fixed Interest Acc	169.9	179.3	+0.2	..
International Accum	175.8	185.5	-2.1	..
Managed Accum	174.4	183.9	-0.2	..
Property Accum	225.7	238.1	-0.1	..
Money Accum	127.5	134.6	+0.2	..
Special Mkt Accum	131.7	139.0	+1.9	..
Japan Equity Acc	106.8	112.7	-1.8	..
N Amer Accum	102.1	107.8	-1.2	..
Pacific Accum	92.8	97.9	-1.4	..
Technology Accum	122.2	129.0	+2.3	..
Natural Res Accum	55.8	58.9	+1.5	..
European Accum	100.3	105.9	-0.9	..
PROVIDENT MUTUAL 25/31, Moorgate London EC2R 6BA 071-628 3232				
Managed Ord	349.9	368.3	-2.1	..
Managed Initial	265.6	279.5	-1.8	..
Equity Ord	522.7	550.2	-8.0	..
Equity Init	396.7	417.6	-2.5	..
Index-Linkd Gilt Ord	154.6	162.7	+0.1	..
Index Linked Gilt Init	122.5	128.9	..	..
Oseas Equity Ord	272.8	287.2	-3.6	..
Oseas Equity Initial	207.0	217.9	-2.8	..
Property Ord	212.6	223.7	+0.1	..
Property Initial	161.9	169.6	+0.1	..
Fixed Int Ord	200.3	210.8	-0.4	..
Fixed Int Initial	152.0	160.0	-0.3	..
Deposit Ord	170.8	179.8	+0.2	..
Deposit Initial	129.6	136.4	+0.1	..
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH 071-405 9222				
Managed	269.7	284.3	+2.5	..
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN LIFE LTD 30 Old Burlington Street London W1X 1LB 071-439 3134				
Managed Fund	540.2	568.7	-6.1	..
Equity Fund	£11.25	11.84	-0.11	..
Intl Fund	378.1	398.1	-4.2	..
Fixed Interest Fund	414.1	435.9	-0.5	..
Property Fund	361.0	380.1	-0.1	..
Cash Fund	302.4	318.4	+0.3	..
Pacific Basin Fd	212.7	223.9	-7.8	..
N American Fd	140.9	148.4	-2.4	..
Euro Fund	178.9	188.4	-3.1	..
Balanced Fund	112.9	118.9	-0.6	..
Strategic Fund	114.6	120.7	+1.1	..
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE LTD 20, Clifton Street, London EC2A 4NX 071-920 0202 0735 262524				
Multi Growth (45)	519.44		+20.26	..
Multi Growth 'A' (45)	363.4	382.6	+13.4	..
Op 5 Prop	370.1	389.6	-2.8	..
Op 5 Equity	735.0	773.7	-1.6	..
Op 5 High Yield	406.2	427.6	-1.7	..
Op 5 Managed	566.9	596.8	-3.3	..
Op 5 Deposit	326.5	343.7	+0.5	12.87
Amer Smaller	111.7	117.6	-0.4	..
Extra Inc	141.6	149.3	-0.5	..
Far East	175.2	184.4	-4.3	..
Gold Gen	31.1	32.7	+0.1	..
Inc Gth	270.2	284.4	-1.3	..
Japan Perf	246.4	259.4	-1.4	..
Japan Smlr	211.4	222.5	+8.3	..
Natl High	235.2	247.6	-1.3	..
Prop Shs	139.6	146.9	-4.4	..
Smaller Cos	189.6	199.5	-1.0	..
Managed Gth	200.1	210.6	-1.7	..
Gilt	70.5	74.2	-0.3	..
Amer (35.34)	157.5	165.8	-3.2	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
British	261.5	275.3	+4.7	..
Extra Inc	190.5	200.5	-1.1	..
Intl Fixed Int	87.7	92.3	+0.4	..
Global (35.34)	253.2	266.6	..	..
Gold Share	51.6	54.3	+1.6	..
High Income	250.4	263.6	-15.2	..
Income	334.5	352.1	-1.7	..
Japan	328.8	346.1	+3.6	..
UK Sel Opps	211.3	222.5	..	..
UK Smlr Co's	266.7	280.7	+0.5	..
Man Growth	325.6	342.7	-2.0	..
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422				
Royal Shield Fund	692.8	722.5	-1.8	..
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	276.8	291.3	-0.8	..
Equity Fund	392.2	412.8	+0.9	..
Property Fund	219.3	230.8	+0.7	..
International Fund	318.5	335.2	-13.8	..
Pacific Basin Fund	193.3	203.4	-2.6	..
United States Fund	142.4	149.8	-4.7	..
Gilt Fund	255.7	269.1	-1.2	..
SAVE & PROSPER 1, Finsbury Ave London, EC2M 2QY 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	558.1	588.5	-3.0	..
Deposit Fund (2)	305.0	322.8	+0.3	..
Gilt Fund	363.3	384.5	-0.7	..
Global Equity Fund	172.8	182.9	-0.9	..
Property Fund (46)	80.2	84.9s	+0.1	..
AG Bond Fund	124.2	131.5	-0.9	..
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow 041-248 2323				
Equity	457.8	481.9	-2.7	..
Fixed Interest	266.5	280.0	+1.7	..
Index-Linked	150.2	158.2	+0.4	..
International	302.1	318.1	-2.0	..
Property	231.3	243.5	-3.0	..
Cash	191.1	201.2	+0.2	..
Managed	346.3	367.7	-2.2	..
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28, St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	148.9	156.7	+0.12	..
Index-Linked	123.0	129.5	..	..
Fixed Interest	130.3	137.2	-0.3	..
Mixed	188.2	198.1	-1.3	..
UK Equity	185.6	195.4	-1.5	..
International	192.5	202.6	-0.8	..
American	158.3	166.6	+0.4	..
Japan	208.6	219.6	-1.7	..
European	204.3	215.1	-0.1	..
Pacific	227.1	239.1	-2.4	..
Technology	213.2	224.4	-1.5	..
Foreign Bd/Currency	157.8	166.1	-1.3	..
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031-225 2211				
Property	172.3	181.4	+0.2	..
UK Equity	269.3	283.6●	-0.6	..
American	164.0	172.7●	+0.6	..
Pacific	224.2	236.1●	-2.3	..
European	305.4	321.6	-2.3	..
International	206.8	217.8	-1.0	..
Fixed Interest	166.0	174.9	+0.2	..
Index Linked	156.5	164.8	..	..
Deposit	158.9	167.4	+0.3	..
Managed	207.9	219.0	-0.7	..
Worldwide	88.8	93.4	-1.0	..
Pen Worldwide	89.6	94.4	-1.0	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041-248 6321				
Flex Fund (36)	£11.96	12.56	..	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENTS 109, St Vincent St, Glasgow 041-248 6321				
Safety Fund	171.5	180.6	+0.1	..
Growth Fund	170.1	179.1	-0.8	..
Opportunity Fund	170.9	179.9	-0.7	..
Cash Fund	144.4	152.0	+0.2	..
European Fund	239.0	251.6	-3.0	..
Gilts & Fxd Int Fund	138.4	145.7	+0.1	..
Index-Linked Fund	138.6	145.9	+0.2	..
International Fund	197.4	207.8	-0.9	..
North American Fd	164.3	173.0	+1.0	..
Property Fund	124.8	131.4	-0.1	..
UK Equity	185.6	195.6	-1.7	..
UK Smaller	177.0	186.4	-1.8	..
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031-556 9181				
Mixed	198.4	209.0	-0.8	..
Equity	210.8	222.0	-0.6	..
International	203.1	213.9	-1.9	..
Property	211.0	222.2	+0.7	..
Fixed Interest	159.9	168.4	-1.0	..
Index Linked	139.7	147.2	+0.2	..
Cash	157.6	166.0	+0.3	..
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	738.2		..	..
Inv Pol 2	677.1	712.8	..	..
Inv Pol 3	652.7	687.2	..	..
Inv Cash	256.1	269.7	..	..
Mixed Fund	355.1	373.8	-3.0	..
Equity Fund	435.6	458.5	-4.1	..
Property Fund	211.3	222.5	+0.1	..
International Fund	347.0	365.4	-3.1	..
Fixed Interest Fund	251.8	265.1	-0.1	..
Indexed Stock Fund	153.7	161.9	+0.1	..
Cash Fund	185.4	195.2	+0.3	..
SKANDIA LIFE Frobisher Hse, Nelson Gate, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Accum	279.7	294.4	+1.1	..
Equity Accum	332.6	350.3	+3.9	..
International Accum	250.4	263.5	-2.4	..
Property	213.8	224.8	+0.2	..
Royal Trust Mngd	173.7	182.8	-3.2	..
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031-225-2552				
Cash	224.1	235.9	+0.3	..
Equity	730.4	768.8	-9.7	..
European	114.4	120.5	-1.8	..
Far East	116.6	122.8	-1.4	..
Fixed Interest	276.6	291.2	-0.8	..
Index Linked	158.0	166.4	+0.1	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
International	420.4	442.6	-5.8	..
Managed	505.6	532.3	-6.1	..
Nth American	108.0	113.7	-1.5	..
Property	299.5	315.3	+0.5	..
Pension Funds				
Cash	329.3	346.7	+0.6	..
Equity	£10.04	10.57	-0.14	..
European	128.9	135.7	-2.8	..
Far East	88.9	93.6	-1.8	..
Fixed Interest	353.6	372.3	-0.7	..
Index Linked	216.1	227.5	+0.2	..
International	555.4	584.7	-10.2	..
Managed	672.9	708.4	-8.8	..
Nth American	125.4	132.0	-2.2	..
Property	366.4	385.7	+0.1	..
Stock Exchange	150.6	158.6	-2.2	.
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex 0403 64141				
Managed Fund	477.3	502.5	-2.1	..
Equity Fund	864.9	909.9	-6.9	..
Fixed Interest Fund	302.7	318.7	-0.5	..
Index Linked Fund	237.8	250.4	+0.8	..
Property Fund	387.3	407.7	+0.2	..
International Fund	424.8	447.2	+2.8	.
N American Fund	137.9	145.2	-1.3	..
Far East Fund	151.8	159.8	-2.4	..
Deposit Fund	243.9	256.6	+0.3	..
International Bond	254.6		+1.9	..
Worldwide Bond	..		..	..
Worldwide Fincl	66.8	70.4	-1.4	..
Worldwide Tech	79.8	84.0	-1.9	..
European	110.1	115.9	-1.1	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing:0256-841414				
Growth Account	£11.465		+0.25	..
Managed Account	639.0		+8.1	..
Equity Account	907.1		+19.0	..
Mngd Fund Accum	294.9	310.4	+3.9	..
Equity Fund Accum	404.5	425.8	+8.6	..
Prop Fund Accum	239.5	252.1	-2.2	..
Fixed Int Fd Acc	217.5	229.0	+1.8	..
Money Fund Accum	182.3	191.9	+0.4	..
Indx-Lnkd Scs Acc	161.5	170.0	+1.6	..
Pers Pens Account	£12.909		..	..
Pens Mngd Account	595.8	627.1	..	..
Pens Guarantee	179.8	189.3	..	..
Pens Equity	234.7	247.1	..	..
Pens Property	206.1	217.0	..	..
Pens Fixed Int	188.7	198.6	..	..
Pens Intl	153.8	161.9	..	..
Pens Money	184.0	193.7	..	..
Pens Indx-Lnkd	147.7	155.5	..	..
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Accum	623.6	656.7	-5.3	..
Property Accum	290.1	305.4	+0.1	..
Equity Accum	994.8	1047.2	-7.9	..
Fixed Int Accum	270.3	284.6	-0.2	..
Index-Linked Accum	151.3	159.3	+0.2	..
Cash Accum	256.4	269.9	+0.3	..
Amer Equity Accum	250.6	264.0	-2.7	..
US Bonds Accum	134.4	141.5	..	..
Japan Accum	262.8	276.7	-4.2	..
Pacific Accum	173.5	182.7	-2.8	.
Far Eastern Accum	471.5	496.4	-7.9	..
International Accum	345.9	364.2	-4.5	..
US Dollar Accum	81.9	86.3	..	..
Yen Accum	125.7	132.4	..	.
Euro Cur Accum	128.2	135.0	..	..
Distribution Fund	243.1	255.9	-1.6	7.40
European	125.4	132.0	-2.8	..
TSB LIFE LTD Keens House, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG 0264 56789				
Managed Fund	210.8	222.0	-1.8	
Property Fund	168.1	177.1	..	..
Fixed Interest Fund	162.9	171.6	-0.1	.
Money Fund	165.3	174.1	+0.1	.
Equity Fund	276.1	290.6	-2.9	.
TARGET LIFE Target House, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury Bucks Aylesbury (0296) 394000				
American Eagle	115.1	122.9	-2.5	..
Australian	22.0	23.6	-0.1	..
Deposit	211.0	222.2	+0.4	..
Residential Prop	93.9	98.8	.	..
Financial	208.6	224.7	-2.8	..
Fixed Interest	257.8	271.6	-0.8	.
Gold	60.8	65.3	+0.7	..
Income	291.2	312.8	-2.7	.
International Equity	290.0	311.8	-3.1	..
Japan	349.7	378.0	-5.8	..
Managed	460.6	485.5	-4.2	..
International Bond	87.5	93.4●	+0.5	..
Managed Prop	142.0	149.5	..	..
Pacific	209.0	220.0	..	..
Preference	187.3	203.7	-0.8	..
Property	264.7	278.7	..	.
Sterling	10.8		..	..
UK Cap	188.2	200.0	-1.0	..
UK Cap Pen	..		..	..
World Income	206.1	221.8	-1.8	.
Euro Situations	179.5	194.2	-3.3	
REGENCY LIFE ASS CO 65-67 High Holborn London WC1V 6DU 071-831 7491				
Series 2 Man Fund	318.0	334.4	-1.8	..
Series 2 Equity Fund	409.4	433.3	-0.9	..
Series 2 Prop Fund	389.3	412.0	-1.7	..
Series 2 Fix Int Fund	232.8	246.2	-1.1	..
Series 2 Money Fd	208.1	220.3	+0.2	..
Series 2 O'seas Fd	230.2	243.6	-3.5	..
Tulip Invest Fund	333.8	351.4	+1.8	..
Tulip Mangd Fund	394.2	417.2	-2.2	.
Mngd Inv Fd Int	264.9	280.4	-1.6	..
Do Accum	322.7	341.5	-1.8	.
TYNDALL ASSURANCE 491, St John Street, B London EC1V 4QE 071-837 6494				
3-Way Fund	432.0	432.0	-2.12	..
UK Equity	260.1	273.8	-1.50	..
N American Equity	206.7	217.6	-2.08	..
Far East Equity	319.4	336.2	-1.78	..
Fixed	214.1	225.3	-0.06	..
Cash Deposit	168.7	176.8	+0.18	..
Property	104.3	109.8	-1.06	..
Special Opp	262.8	276.7	-2.46	..
Managed	226.3	238.2	-1.53	..
Index-Linked Fd	149.6	157.5	-0.28	..

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80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Masterfnd Acc	88.91	95.09	-0.02	2.22
Inc	61.75	65.69	+0.05	1.48
Div/Gth	61.41	64.69	+0.02	5.40
Global Gth Sec	51.16	54.42	-0.05	1.84
Ethical	50.09	53.57	+0.07	3.04
High Inc Equity	140.8	149.7●	-0.1	5.60
W'wide Bond	205.3	217.5	+0.5	6.90
Gilt/Fixed	113.3	120.1●	-0.1	8.50

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580
30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DD
Tel: 071-374 9901

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Inc/Gth	28.08	29.82●	+0.08	2.85
Euro	72.12	76.58	-0.12	0.00
Euro Inc	74.81	78.92●	-0.33	1.58
Exmpt	753.4	778.7●	-0.4	2.90
Extra Inc	40.35	43.64●	+0.13	5.74
F/E Emerg Ec	50.85	54.60	+0.04	1.17

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
Tel: 0793 514514 dealing: 0793 610366

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Inc	365.5	389.2●	-0.2	5.08
Equity Inc	207.2	214.2	+0.3	5.17
High Yield	214.6	229.4e	+0.6	5.04
Balanced	546.5	582.0	+2.2	3.25
Am Inc	32.05	34.13	-0.14	4.26
World Ass Val	31.47	33.51	-0.01	1.52
Japan	137.1	145.1	..	0.01
Sec of Am	290.7	309.5	+0.1	0.28

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capitl	90.25	97.00	-0.03	3.73
Euro Gth Inc	91.69	97.80	-0.28	1.85
Extra Inc	97.89	104.7●	..	6.12
General	201.0	215.0●	..	3.84
Gt/Fxd Income	51.02	52.67●	-0.02	10.16
Inc Trust	446.4	477.4	-0.8	5.86

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
Tel: 081-658 9002

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	62.80	66.25	+0.23	0.50

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Glenfriars	219.8	233.9●	-0.8	2.10
Do Acc	238.2	253.5●	-0.8	2.10
Growth	288.6	307.3●	+0.8	3.40
Do Acc	470.0	500.0●	+1.4	3.40
Inc &Gth Inc	333.5	354.8	+0.2	5.10
Do Acc	404.9	430.8	+0.2	5.10
Master Portf	£82.87	87.34●	+0.09	3.03
Do Acc	£91.49	96.31●	+0.10	3.03
Spec Sits	63.83	67.91	+0.16	3.26
Do Acc	71.03	75.57	+0.17	3.26
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	£10.85	10.98	+0.03	5.62
Do Acc	£11.23	11.66	+0.03	5.62

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 382 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 071-626 0666 071-626 6363

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Index	138.7	146.0	+1.4	2.27
Capitl	468.7	500.2●	+1.2	3.97
Euro Index	107.3	114.5	+0.2	1.86
Euro Growth	70.65	75.39	..	2.32
Far East S S	66.71	71.19	-0.30	0.62
Gold Gen S S	56.22	60.00	-0.37	6.17
Income	446.1	475.0●	+1.1	5.32
Intl Gth	61.47	65.60	+0.23	2.14
Jap Index	65.14	69.51	+0.18	0.18
N Amer	285.6	304.8●	+1.5	1.78
Tiger Index	88.82	94.57	+0.14	1.50
UK Index	108.0	115.2	+0.5	4.07

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN
Tel: 071-606 0708

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Portf	54.12	57.60	+0.04	2.66
Euro Port	62.01	66.15●	-0.36	1.59
Jap Portf	45.92	48.94	-0.14	2.03
Pacific Portf	58.34	61.28	+0.27	1.82
Portf	58.20	62.25	-0.09	2.95
UK Inc/Gth	55.00	59.65●	+0.11	6.08

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Inv	517.0	523.2	..	5.43
Fixed Int	137.0	137.7●	..	10.53
Deposit	100.0		..	12.50

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577555

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Orientl Op Acc	58.89	62.65	+0.37	1.35
Japanese	55.35	58.88	+0.14	0.00
UK Balan Inc	95.6	101.6	-0.2	3.43
Do Acc	108.2	115.0	-0.1	3.43
UK Gth Accum	153.6	163.6	-0.1	2.19
UK Hi Inc	115.1	122.4	-0.1	5.86
UK Hi Inc Acc	119.1	126.7	-0.1	5.86
N Amer Acc	74.75	79.52	+0.66	1.15
Euro Acc	102.2	108.7	-0.2	0.35
UK Gilt/FI Inc	54.99	58.35	-0.05	6.18
Do Acc	76.21	80.87	-0.07	6.18
Intl Sp S Acc	40.06	42.62	+0.10	0.87
Emerald Opp	53.36	56.77●	-0.14	1.42

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
41, Harrington Gardens London SW7 4JU
Tel: 071 373 7281

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Endurance	144.0	153.1	-1.0	2.36

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Eqtble Pelican	108.5	112.1●	+0.2	4.73
High Inc	112.5	118.5	+0.17	5.96
Gilt/Fxd Interest	49.15	51.74	-0.12	9.47
T Of Inv Ts	111.2	117.1	+0.80	3.07
Spec Sits	98.64	104.8	+0.19	4.10
N Am	70.06	74.38	+0.15	1.33
Far East	176.3	184.5	-0.77	1.22
Intl Gth	73.07	78.02●	-0.28	2.63
Euro	55.65	58.61	-0.16	1.95
Smllr Cos	55.82	58.60	-0.01	3.05

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1SD Tel: 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Accum	258.9	273.4●	+0.3	3.82
Do Inc	193.3	205.7●	+0.2	3.82
Higher Inc Acc	457.4	486.5●	+0.7	5.20
Do Inc	303.1	322.5●	+0.6	5.20
Gilts/Fxd Acc	133.6	140.7●	-0.1	9.11
Do Inc	79.97	84.16●	-0.08	9.11
N America	154.2	164.1●	-0.4	0.01
Far East	223.4	237.7●	-0.4	0.70
Europe	205.2	218.4●	-1.4	0.37
Genl	351.1	373.8●	+0.2	3.82

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 071-623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421 Services: 0800 289336

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	33.75	36.10	+0.06	2.13
CashTrust**		111.65	●+0.03	12.35
Pract Inv Inc	88.08	94.43●	+0.22	3.77
Do Acc	176.5	189.2●	+0.44	3.77
UK Smal Cos	95.80	102.7	+0.10	2.66
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	64.64	69.13	+0.23	6.18
Preference	20.93	22.39c	..	12.37
High Inc	52.62	54.89●	+0.05	5.16
Income	107.2	114.6	+0.17	5.88
Intl Fxd Int	22.33	23.50●	+0.03	6.77
International Trusts				
Gold Intl	61.89	66.35	+0.62	4.91
Euroventures	19.18	20.34	-0.07	1.97
Frontier Mkts	32.23	34.54●	+0.15	0.87
Glob Inc/Gth	85.90	91.78●	+0.27	3.70
UK/Intl	85.32	91.25	-0.06	3.64
Overseas Trusts				
American	84.54	90.00	+0.37	1.19
European	63.65	67.62●	-0.23	1.14
Euro Sml Opp	83.24	88.42	-0.13	0.40
Am Emerg	43.06	46.13	-0.21	0.00
Hong Kong	46.72	50.05●	-0.75	2.92
Japan	169.8	178.4	-0.75	0.00
Pacific Gth	85.85	91.79	-0.23	1.11

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 071-378 7979

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Gth	100.2	107.2	+0.07	0.81
Amer Growth	75.48	80.70	+0.45	0.00
Euro Growth	57.78	61.70s	-0.35	0.00
Ger Horizons	40.95	43.73	-0.05	1.78
Jap Growth	69.95	74.81s	-0.80	..
Pacific Inc	95.67	102.3	-0.55	2.56
Pacific Smz	85.22	90.87	+1.71	0.00
UK Prog Inc	73.61	80.57	+0.50	6.44
Gt British	47.44	50.74	+0.32	1.95
UK Smi Co	38.56	41.25a	+0.07	4.32

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
30 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE Tel: 071-538

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Cash		114.7 c	+0.1	12.81

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch St London EC3 Tel: 071-956 6000 Dealing: 071-956 7364

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income Trusts				
Cash Accum**	60.00	60.25●	+0.02	13.31
Extra Inc	61.86	64.95●	+0.14	6.49
Gilt Yield Inc	107.4	113.4●	..	9.25
Global Inc	165.4	175.9	+2.3	4.55
High Yield Inc	122.1	129.9●	+1.8	5.88
PPP Inc	9.80	10.22●	+0.02	5.09
Smi Cos Div	41.71	44.37	+2.00	6.31
Capital Growth Trusts				
Am Smlr Co	68.09	72.44	+0.80	0.00
N Amer	56.43	60.02	+0.40	1.38
Euro Inc	110.0	117.0	-0.2	0.95
Euro Spec Inc	76.91	81.82	+0.27	1.21
FO Invest Trst	27.05	28.62●	+0.05	2.93
Genl Inc	245.0	259.8	+3.4	3.65
Intl Recov	110.7	117.8	+0.2	1.73
Jap Inc	359.5	382.4	-1.3	0.00
Jap Spec	192.6	204.9●	+1.0	0.00
Master Acc	202.1	218.0	+3.7	1.03
Pacific Inc	189.7	201.8●	..	0.42
Smlr Cos Inc	90.85	96.45	+0.01	3.92
UK Eq Gth Inc	30.61	32.56	+0.02	3.35

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
119, Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 6BB
Tel: 031-550 5101

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European	53.36	56.75	..	1.42
Extra Inc	22.38	23.78●	+0.02	5.64
Far East	18.75	19.95●	+0.07	0.77
Income/Gth	60.35	64.21●	+0.02	4.06
Intl Gilt	38.07	40.50●	..	1.75
Japan	50.52	53.76	-0.14	0.00
Max Dist**	98.6	101.5e	-0.1	10.90
N Am Equity	27.54	29.30	+0.16	0.95
UK Equity	70.89	75.52e	-0.05	4.56

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1, White Hart Yard London SE1 Tel: 071-407 5966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Inc/Growth	46.58	49.51	+0.07	5.82

LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex Tel: Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Smi Co Acc	88.5	93.6s	+0.3	4.68
Smi Co Inc	80.1	83.0s	+0.2	4.68
Trustee Inc	32.0	33.8s	+0.2	5.07
Charitd Inc 3	102.1		..	10.56
Charitd Inc 2	568.5	575.0	+9.8	5.55
Pension Ex 1	782.9	782.0	+4.8	5.14
NAACIF Inc 3	48.54		..	9.50
Do Acc 3	690.49		..	9.33

M&M BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YR
Tel: 071-626 3434 Dealing only: 0800 010733 (Intermediary)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Specialist Trusts				
Great Brit Cos	40.09	43.07s	..	3.75
Smlr Cos	20.65	21.91e	..	4.36
Spec Features	23.34	25.33s	..	3.30
Do Acc	28.95	28.63e	..	3.30
General Funds				
UK Growth	45.24	48.05	..	4.69
Asset/Earn Di	61.73	65.65	..	4.69
Do Acc	68.48	72.75	..	4.69
Managed Inv	70.44	75.48	..	1.38
Report Child	85.01	89.81e	..	3.84
High Income Funds				
Cash Box		50.86	+0.02	13.10
Extra Inc	79.07	84.30	..	7.98
Gilt	34.84	36.17	..	8.48
Inc/Gth	36.48	38.06s	..	5.84
Pref Shares	14.67	15.60e	..	15.54
UK Income	263.4	283.4e	..	6.95
Sector Specialist Funds				
Com Shares	33.87	36.09e	..	1.28
Financial Secs	45.53	48.37	..	4.29
Gold	34.87	37.39	..	1.14
Do Acc	36.75	39.44	..	1.14
Intl Leisure	19.11	20.30	..	0.92
Prop Shares	54.31	57.79●	..	2.59
Exempt Funds				
Exmpt	127.3	134.3	..	6.00
Euro Expt Acc	88.73	94.40	..	1.46
Euro Expt Inc	86.78	92.32	..	1.46
Overseas Growth Fund				
Amer Growth	35.42	37.68a	..	1.57
Euro Perf	88.75	94.52	..	1.17
Do Acc	88.88	95.72	..	1.17

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Mandarin Acc	61.56	65.84	..	0.91
N Amer Inc	122.8	131.0	..	1.24
Do Acc	152.1	162.7	..	1.24
Managed Portf	70.09	74.93	..	2.05
Meridian Gth	118.9	127.2●	..	2.85
Merdn Inc Dist	100.9	107.9●	..	4.25
Smlr Cos Inc	113.2	121.1	..	2.98
Do Acc	129.6	138.6	..	2.98

MORGAN GRENFELL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Tel: 071-826 0826 Enquiries: 071-826 0123

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	132.6	143.0	+0.5	1.08
Cash Inc		100.1	● ..	12.53
Do Acc		108.9	● ..	12.53
Euro Gth	192.2	205.6	-1.5	0.00
Europa	101.1	108.1	-0.3	0.00
Intl Gth	141.7	150.6	-0.2	0.00
Jap Trckr	63.84	67.17	-0.16	0.00
UK Equity Inc	120.4	128.9●	+0.1	6.21
UK Eq in Acc	135.6	146.3●	+0.1	6.21
UK Eq In Trckr	122.3	130.8	+0.3	3.63
US Eq In Trckr	133.7	143.4●	+0.8	3.11
Do Acc	136.0	145.0●	+0.8	3.11
Asian Trader	61.25	65.89●	-0.15	1.51

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile Street Glasgow G2 2PX Tel: 0345 090033

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Inc	120.0	127.0	+0.9	3.47
European	62.89	66.41s	-0.23	1.50
Far East	107.8	114.9	-1.3	1.49
Olympiad	45.20	48.21	-0.16	1.04
Olympiad Inc	42.69	45.43	-0.02	4.71
Smlr Cos	45.55	48.62s	+0.01	3.28
UK Equity Inc	84.98	90.69●	-0.05	6.41
UK Growth	73.46	78.40●	+0.57	1.43

N M UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Wilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth Tel: Enquiries 0705 372222 Dealings 0705 387730

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Acc	33.45	35.68	+0.30	1.63
Australia Acc	192.0	206.0	+2.4	3.00
Conscience Inc	52.82	56.47	+0.11	1.36
Do Acc	56.48	60.22	+0.12	1.36
Euro Inc	141.3	150.7●	-0.1	1.04
Do Acc	150.0	159.9●	-0.1	1.04

NM ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED
St Swithins Lane, London EC4N 8NR Tel: 071-634 2861/4

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	135.4	146.2	+0.33	3.80
Japan	193.9	207.9	-0.09	0.00
Major UK Co	80.55	86.74	+0.02	2.82
Smlr Aus	63.51	67.50●	+0.18	4.24
Amer Inc	329.3	354.1●	+2.01	1.17
Do Acc	377.3	405.8	+2.30	1.17
Smlr Cos	183.2	201.2●	-0.30	3.14
Smlr Canada	39.11	43.05●	+0.02	0.18
Smlr Euro Cos	202.0	216.1	-0.71	1.78

SAVE & PROSPER
28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB Tel: (Romford) 0708-766966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Inc/Growth	62.00	66.31s	+1.51	7.36
Capitl	115.3	122.6	+0.3	2.41
Commod	77.50	82.44●	+0.02	2.54
Euro Growth	121.1	128.8	-1.6	0.66
Financial Secs	122.5	130.8	-0.4	3.22
High Return	245.7	261.3	..	6.76
High Yield	213.5	227.1●	+0.9	5.40
Inc Units	108.5	115.4	+0.1	8.57
Investment	134.6	143.4●	+0.3	2.11
Jap Growth	112.3	119.4	-0.2	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	193.3	205.8e	-0.5	0.00
Masterfund	38.39	40.84	+0.05	2.78
Scotbits	172.5	183.6	-0.8	3.21
Scotshares	227.6	242.1	+0.3	3.77
Scotyields	228.0	237.2●	+1.2	5.56
Select Intl	98.78	105.1●	+0.30	1.14
Smlr Cos Inc	205.3	218.3●	+0.1	5.87
Spec Sits	97.94	104.1	+0.23	2.40
UK Equity	226.6	241.2	+0.5	4.01
US Growth	58.56	59.27●	+0.59	0.45

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED
33 Gutter Lane, London, EC2V 8AF Tel: Public Dealing 071 606 3404 General Enquiries 071-382 3800

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	165.9	176.0	+1.4	1.57
Do Acc	178.0	189.8	+1.5	1.57
Australian	106.4	113.4	+0.8	1.89
Do Acc	122.2	130.3	+0.9	1.89
Enterprise	167.8	179.0	+1.0	3.44
Do Acc	167.8	179.0	+1.0	3.44
Euro Gth	50.67	54.04	+0.05	0.91
Do Acc	51.21	54.62	+0.05	0.91
Euro Smlr Co	49.02	52.28	-0.02	0.65

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview Basingstoke Hants RG21 2DZ
Tel: Dealing 841414

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gwth	24.05	25.73	+0.21	0.7
Mngd Assets	104.4	111.6	-0.02	5.2
UK Income	36.41	37.86	-0.01	7.2
Do Gth	34.05	36.42	+0.03	2.9
W'wide	23.45	25.09	+0.14	1.0

SUN ALLIANCE
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex Tel: 0403 56253

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Acc	601.2	643.0	..	3.30
NAm Acc	73.31	78.41	..	1.94
Far East Acc	91.58	97.95	..	0.69
W'wide Bond	44.61	47.67●	..	8.41
European	66.25	68.79	..	1.24
Equity Inc	71.47	76.44	..	5.12
W'wide Tech	41.13	43.99	..	2.08
W'wide Fixd	34.47	36.87	..	4.05

The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

** Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) ● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 93.0 (day's range 93.0-93.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Apr 12	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7765-1.7910	1.7765-1.7775	0.89-0.88pr	2.50-2.48pr
Montrl	2.0412-2.0614	2.0412-2.0450	0.42-0.37pr	0.88-0.81pr
Amstrdm	3.3856-3.3776	3.3656-3.3693	⅜-¼pr	2¼-2pr
Brussels	61.32-61.72	61.32-61.54	17-12pr	44-37pr
Copnhgn	11.4398-11.4939	11.4407-11.4649	2-1½pr	5¾-4¾pr
Dublin	1.1181-1.1205	1.1195-1.1205	25-19pr	62-52pr
Frankft	2.9870-2.9996	2.9907-2.9942	⅜-¼pr	2-1¾pr
Lisbon	259.28-260.78	259.28-260.31	9-30ds	56-116ds
Madrid	183.97-185.16	184.05-184.68	22-28ds	68-78ds
Milan	2215.30-2225.96	2215.30-2220.10	2pr-par	3pr-par
Oslo	11.6041-11.6630	11.6183-11.6426	2-1½pr	4¾-3¾pr
Paris	10.0868-10.1272	10.1012-10.1158	2¾-2¼pr	6¾-5¾pr
Stckhlm	10.7478-10.8176	10.7478-10.7717	¼pr-¼ds	1¼-1¾ds
Tokyo	242.14-243.13	242.14-242.45	⅜-¼pr	2¾-2¼pr
Vienna	21.01-21.10	21.02-21.05	5¾-4¾pr	14¾-12¾pr
Zurich	2.5232-2.5383	2.5342-2.5383	⅜-¼pr	2¼-1¾pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17369-17392
Australia dollar	2.2611-2.2645
Bahrain dinar	0.670-0.678
Brazil cruzeiro *	447.45-448.11
Cyprus pound	0.818-0.828
Finland marka	7.015-7.075
Greece drachma	322.90-326.10
Hong Kong dollar	13.8246-13.9343
India rupee	35.25-35.85
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.8932-4.9016
Mexico peso	5290-5390
New Zealand dollar	3.0269-3.0339
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.66-6.74
Singapore dollar	3.1356-3.1430
S Africa rand (fin)	5.8393-5.9400
S Africa rand (com)	4.8389-4.8471
U A E dirham	6.5275-6.6075

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5945-1.5960
Singapore	1.7550-1.7580
Malaysia	2.7380-2.7410
Australia	1.2761-1.2773
Canada	1.1489-1.1494
Sweden	6.0375-6.0425
Norway	6.4900-6.4950
Denmark	6.4026-6.4075
W Germany	1.6750-1.6760
Switzerland	1.4200-1.4210
Netherlands	1.8900-1.8910
France	5.6830-5.6880
Japan	135.85-135.95
Italy	1243.0-1244.0
Belgium (Com)	34.42-34.46
Hong Kong	7.7900-7.7910
Portugal	145.15-145.35
Spain	103.35-103.45
Austria	11.80-11.82

TREASURY BILLS: Applctns: £1,520m allotted: £350m; Bids: £97.195% received 80%; Last week: £97.15 % received: 24%; Avge rate: £11.2351% last wk £11.4158% Next week: £350m.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 12 Finance Hse 13
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 12 Low 10½ Week fixed: 12¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buying: 2 mth 11 9/16 ; 3 mth 11¼ . Selling: 2 mth 11 7/16 ; 3 mth: 11¼

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	11¾-11 9/16	11 9/16-11½	11½-11¼	10⅞-10 13/16	
Trade Bills (Dis):	12¼	12 3/16	12	11¾	
Interbank:	12 1/16-12	12 1/16-12	12-11⅞	11 11/16-9/16	11 7/16-5/16
(Overnight: open 12¾, close 6 .					
Local Authority Deps:	12¼	n/a	11 15/16	11 11/16	11 9/16
Sterling CDs:	12-11⅞	11 15/16-13/16	11⅞-11¾	11 9/16-7/16	11½-11¼
Dollar CDs:	5.95-5.90	5.98-5.93	5.98-5.93	6.14-6.10	6.60-6.55
Building Society CDs:	12 1/32-11 15/16	12 1/32-11⅞	11 29/32-11⅞	11 11/16-9/16	11 9/16-7/16

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5 15/16-5 7/16	5 15/16-5¾	6 1/16-5⅞	6¼-6 1/16	6¼-5¾
Deutschemark:	8⅞-8¾	8 15/16-13/16	9⅛-9	9 3/16-9 1/16	8½-7¾
French Franc:	9½-8¾	9¾-9⅝	9⅝-9½	9 7/16-9 5/16	9½-8¾
Swiss Franc:	8½-8¼	8 9/16-8 7/16	8¼-8⅛	8¼-8⅛	8-7
Yen:	8¼-8	8 3/16-8 1/16	8-7⅞	7 13/16-11/16	7½-6¾

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $361.00-361.50 Close: $361.00-361.50 High: $362.40-362.90 Low: $360.75-361.25 Krugerrand: $360.75-361.75 (£202.00-203.00)
Sovereigns: Old $85.50-86.50 (£48.00-49.50) New $84.50-85.50 (£47.00-48.00)
Platinum: $403.65 (£225.40) Silver: $4.01 (£2.245) Palladium: $98.00 (£54.70)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 25513	Jun 91	2569.0	2581.0	2556.0	2558.0	8018
	Sep 91	2601.0	2601.0	2601.0	2598.0	25
	Dec 91	2652.0	2652.0	2652.0	2644.0	10
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 110894	Jun 91	88.86	88.90	88.70	88.71	44602
	Sep 91	89.51	89.51	89.29	89.31	11553
	Dec 91	89.67	89.67	89.50	89.51	2957
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 34529	Jun 91	93.73	93.81	93.72	93.78	847
	Sep 91	93.40	93.49	93.38	93.47	896
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 92477	Jun 91	90.81	90.86	90.73	90.75	15811
	Sep 91	90.93	90.99	90.90	90.91	4952
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 6303	Jun 91	95-13	96-02	95-12	95-28	137
	Sep 91				95-04	
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 29470	Jun 91	93-04	93-07	92-08	92-09	2439
	Sep 91	93-11	93-11	93-11	92-17	
Japanese Govt Bond	Jun 91	95.55	95.65	95.54	95.59	
	Sep 91				95.53	
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 79711	Jun 91	86.08	86.32	85.86	85.90	4725
	Sep 91	86.45	86.45	86.20	86.15	
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 2463	Jun 91	90.75	90.79	90.68	90.69	
	Sep 91	90.90	90.92	90.80	90.80	

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LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
May	655-654	May	578-577	May	193.0-89.0
Jul	681-680	Jul	596-595	Aug	192.0-89.2
Sep	706-705	Sep	614-613	Oct	189.0-88.2
Dec	735-734	Nov	631-630	Dec	188.0-82.2
Mar	763-762	Jan	648-645	Mar	187.0-83.2
May	782-780	Mar	665-660	May	189.0-84.2
Vol: 5452		Vol: 2291		Vol: 1767	

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
May	139.00	May	117.00	Jun	118.0-17.0
Jun	140.70	Sep	107.90	Aug	120.0-19.0
Sep	111.75	Nov	111.75	Oct	124.5-23.0
Nov	114.90	Jan	115.05	Dec	129.0-27.5
Jan	118.35	Mar	117.85	Feb	132.0-30.5
Vol:	273	Vol:	22	Vol:	90

LONDON POTATO FUTURES Volume: 159

	Open	Close
May ($/tonne)	129.5	129.4
Sep	77.5	82.5
Oct	77.5	85.0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 12

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	90.28	201.34	110.96
(+/-)	+3.62	*-1.41	+0.13
Eng/Wales:	90.28	202.07	109.80
(+/-)	+3.62	-2.24	-0.39
(%)	-6.8	-24.8	-18.2
Scotland:	n/a	192.78	115.69
(+/-)	n/a	-5.77	+2.31
(%)	n/a	-82.5	-16.9

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

Apr	Open:	unq
	Close:	112.0
May	Open:	unq
	Close:	114.8
Jun	Open:	unq
	Close:	115.0

Volume: 113

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1371.0-1372.0	1364.0-1365.0	670050
Lead (£/tonne)	338.50-339.00	350.50-351.00	81775
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1337.0-1340.0	1207.0-1208.0	247950
Tin ($/tonne)	5470-5480	5565-5570	6250
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1397.0-1398.0	1427.0-1428.0	556450
Nickel ($/tonne):	8000.0-8010.0	8000.0-8010.0	12690

FOX SOYA MEAL (6pm prices)

	Bid
Apr	159.4
May	162.9
Jun	152.7

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm
Concerns about how many Brent cargoes would be available in May helped to keep prompt North Sea crude buoyant.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.85	+0.
Brent 15 day (May)	20.00	+0.
Brent 15 day (Jun)	19.15	+0.
W Texas Intermediate (May)	21.25	+0
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.80	+0

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas 1.5	237 (-3)	242
Gasoil EEC	178 (+2)	180
Non EEC 1H May	176 (+3)	179
Non EEC 1H Jun	175 (+1)	174
3.5 Fuel Oil	68 (n/c)	70
Naphtha	194 (-2)	196

IPE FUTURES
GAS OIL

May	173.50 SLR	Sep	172.25
Jun	170.00-69.75	Oct	174.80
Jul	169.00-68.75	Nov	175.75
Aug	170.50 BID		

BRENT

May	20.00-20.10	Jul	18.70
Jun	19.05-19.15		

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 91	1540	1525	
May 91	1466	1445	
Jul 91	1177	1159	
Oct 91	1265	1260	

Vol: 365 lots Open Interest: 3215
Dry cargo index 1588 same

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WEEKEND MONEY

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Banks unlock investment trap

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dell, The building budsman, has also lbag swelled these ths with complaints y new accounts are introduced offering better rates than old ones without existing investors being informed. When they find out, they often face substantial penalties or a long wait before they can switch.

Investors lured by a guaranteed differential above the ordinary share rate into a one or two year term account complain bitterly when they find that people are being offered much higher returns for shorter term deposits only weeks after they have invested. Too often, financial institutions decide that once money is in a notice or term account they can treat investors how they like, knowing that they will have to pay a high penalty to leave. It is short-sighted because the investor who is caught out once is unlikely to fall for the same trick again.

The treatment is not always that blatant and the disadvantaging of existing customers can occur as the savings range of a bank or building society naturally evolves. Savers who have visited a branch and asked for the best return on £10,000 often leave the money untouched for months or years, naively believing that they are receiving the best return.

They do not understand that, in today's competitive marketplace, banks and building societies regularly have to launch new accounts if they are to attract new money. Frequently, years go by before the hapless investor realises that what was once the premium account is closed and paying a below-par return. The marketing of investment accounts relies on the best rates being offered on the new products. More money comes through the door when the premium account pays 0.5 per cent more than the competition than when the extra is spread more thinly across all accounts.

The long lists published by building societies when they change savings rates show how many new products have had to be launched in recent years to stay ahead in the market. National & Provincial lists 35 different accounts, although less than half are open to new money.

Societies have long argued that it would be too expensive to inform existing investors when they introduce a new account. If keeping investors well-informed is what it takes to keep their money, that could well change as a result of the lead taken by NatWest and Abbey National.

The Abbey, a former building society, is replacing its existing 90-day sterling asset account with the Abbey National investment account. It will allow any existing investor to switch to the new account paying up to 0.2 per cent more without giving any notice or suffering any penalties. At a time when interest rates are falling this is, indeed, looking after investors.

NatWest is offering up to 1.2 per cent more on the new account, however the premium reserve does not offer a cheque book.

Indirect debit

In the past, Weekend Money has been critical of big insurance companies who sign clients up for personal pensions and then, because of lousy administration, fail to collect the premiums for months. By the time the money is debited, the policyholder has have forgotten about the payments and suddenly finds hundreds, if not thousands of pounds, taken from a bank account in one lump sum.

Norwich Union has not yet sorted out its administration problems completely, but at least it is now warning new customers of the problems so that they should not be caught unawares.

When the policy document is sent, customers receive a letter warning that it may take up to 12 weeks to start direct debits.

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Buyers pay a deposit, normally 10 per cent of the purchase price, which is forfeited if they do not sign the *acte de vente*, or completion document. The *compromis de vente* sets out the date for completion.

Buyers should insert as a precondition that they have to obtain a mortgage to buy the property. If they cannot obtain a loan, they should be able to regain their deposit and free the obligation to buy. Buyers may also reclaim their deposit if the seller fails to declare defects or cannot prove title. Surveys are unusual in France.

Paul Stockton, partner at Moore Stephens, the international accountant, said: "British people are inclined not to allow enough time between signing the preliminary agreement and the final deed of sale. There can be delays of six or seven weeks while the finance comes through. If you don't complete, the vendor can make you forfeit your deposit."

Buyers should be wary of signing an alternative to the *compromis de vente*, the *promesse d'achat*, which binds buyers but not sellers.

John Warlow, general manager of Key to France house-buying service of Banque Nationale de Paris, said: "Some people book a ferry and a hotel in expectation of a 10 to 12 week buying period, but people should allow two to three months from the date of the purchase agreement."

According to Capital Home Loans, the British mortgage subsidiary of Société Générale and Crédit Foncier, buyers should allow 2 to 3 per cent of the purchase price for fees and taxes on a new property and 10 to 14 per cent on an existing property. This does not include legal costs of 1.5 to 3 per cent of purchase price.

Most mortgages from French banks are fixed and endowment mortgages are almost non-existent. French mortgage terms are also years. Most lenders will only offer mortgages for up to 80 per cent of the value and some offer fixed-rate schemes.

Mortgage subsidiaries of French banks offer variable rates linked either to the London interbank offered rate (Libor) or the Paris interbank offered rate (Pibor) as well as fixed rates. They also offer a choice of sterling or franc repayments. Borrowers taking out a sterling mortgage should check if they will have to pay a commission to have payments converted into francs.

In Spain, mortgage rates are variable and high — currently 15 per cent. A number of British lenders are active in Spain, including Abbey National, Barclays, UCB and National Westminster. Using one of these could be easier than going into the local Spanish bank branch. Documentation from Spanish banks will be in Spanish and they are unlikely to supply English-speaking lawyers or surveyors to examine the property, as British lenders normally will.

David Wells, manager of business development at Abbey National's Gibraltar branch, said: "We provide a package to steer people through the technicalities."

UCI, the Spanish subsidiary of UCB, and Abbeycor, subsidiary of Abbey National, offer variable-rate peseta mortgages. Abbey National Gibraltar also offers sterling mortgages at 2 per cent over base rate for up to 20 years.

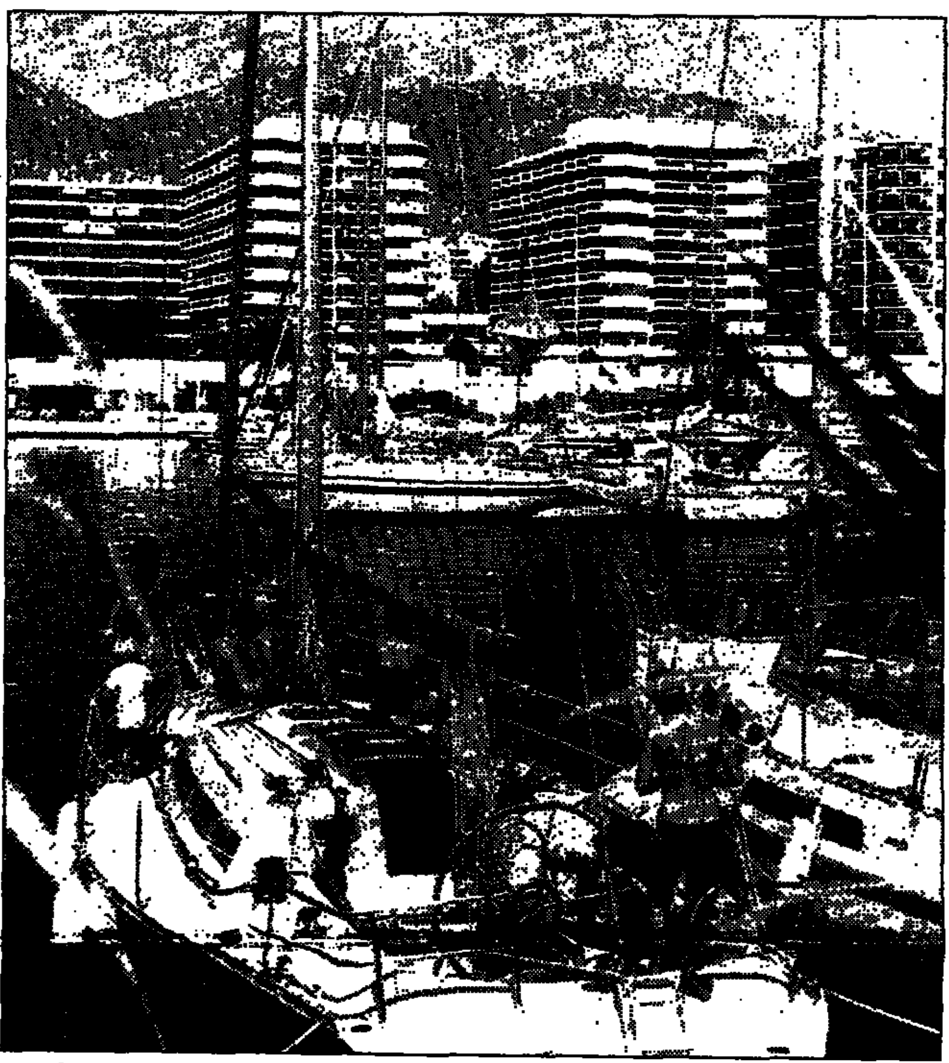
As in France, buyers in Spain have to commit themselves early. Both buyer and seller sign a preliminary contract specifying the completion date. The buyer generally pays a deposit of about 10 per cent. Terms of contracts vary.

If the property is new, buyers should ensure the lawyer checks it has the right licences and arranges for a notary to supervise signing of the purchase deed. Buyers do not have to be present.

For buyers of second homes in Italy, David Watson, administration manager at Woolwich SpA, the society's Italian subsidiary, said the Woolwich offers variable rate funds at 1 per cent above Italian base rate, currently 14.5 per cent.

The system is similar to that in Spain and France. Buyers sign a preliminary contract and put down a deposit of between 10 per cent and 30 per cent. Prospective buyers who cannot get a mortgage may have to forfeit their deposit if they have to back out. The sale is completed when buyer and seller sign the contract in the notary's office.

Mr Watson gave warning that it is common for a property to have an existing mortgage on it from the previous owner. "If this is a bank mortgage, the buyers can have it transferred to their name. If not, it has to be paid off before it can be legally sold," he said.



Spanish bliss: demand for second homes abroad is picking up after the Gulf war

Still keeping with the Abbey habit

SPAIN

When Tony Johnson bought his two-bedroom detached villa in Nerja, near Malaga, southern Spain three years ago, he decided not to approach a local Spanish bank for a mortgage.

"It is very difficult to organise a mortgage with a Spanish bank," he said. "Any communication has to be in Spanish and you are buying a peseta mortgage."

Mr Johnson had seven years' experience of the Spanish property market and banking system through his estate agency and property development business, when he bought his own villa. He opted for a British style sterling endowment mortgage from Abbey National Gibraltar to finance the £45,000 property purchase.

Abbey National's presence in Britain and Spain was particularly helpful for Mr Johnson who lives and works partly in Bristol and partly in Nerja.

"Someone like the Abbey National has a similar scheme to a normal building society mortgage. Every month I pay my mortgage in sterling. It is also possible to have an endowment which you can't do with a Spanish bank." The rate on the Abbey National's mortgage was 17 per cent, 2 per cent over Spanish base rate.

Since the end of exchange controls in Spain, foreigners have found it easier to take money into the country, but funds still have to be imported through the Spanish banking system.

Mr Johnson added that people should always engage a Spanish lawyer with offices in the region where they are buying.

"A lot of people seem to throw caution to the winds. It's estimated that only about 20 per cent of people have a Spanish solicitor. One advantage of Abbey National was that it had an approved list of lawyers as part of its mortgage package."

Lawyers can also draw up a Spanish will and help with advice on capital gains tax when selling the property.

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FRANCE

Carole Mold found that she had chosen the wrong time of year to buy her three bedroomed cottage in Quettetot, Normandy. After looking at properties in June last year and deciding to buy, there was a long delay while the whole of France seemingly closed down for a month in August.

This was a minor hitch in what was otherwise a fairly straightforward transaction, completed last October.

"Everyone was very welcoming and happy to help. I haven't found any resentment against British people buying property," said Ms Mold, who is a freelance bookkeeper.

Her hunt for a French cottage started at a property fair in London last year, where she was put in touch with Interlink Properties, an estate agent specialising in French property.

The agent arranged for her to see 20 properties on a short trip to France and also accompanied her to the notary's office to complete the transaction.

At the same property fair, Ms Mold spoke to the financial adviser division of Hill Samuel, which gave her information about mortgages from Banque Nationale de Paris and Credit Agricole. She eventually opted for Banque Nationale de Paris because its interest rate included life assurance.

She borrowed 80 per cent of the £22,000 purchase price at a fixed rate of 10.3 per cent from BNP. Her main source of help with the legal transaction was Interlink rather than BNP although BNP will also offer help with the legal side of housebuying.

"BNP gave me a lot of reading material and were very helpful. The system is very different to the English system.

"I was worried that it was unusual in France to have a survey. The language and reading through of documents was also a bit worrying, although I'm quite used to reading through documents in English."

She has been to her cottage about seven times since the beginning of this year and ideally would like to go down alternate weekends. She has also considered letting it although she admits she is a "bit possessive" about it.

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Annuity rates ready to fall

By Helen Pridham

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INVESTORS should brace themselves for a "buy now" campaign for annuities. Between now and the end of the year the insurance industry will be suggesting that anybody who wants to purchase an annuity should do so. This follows the announcement in the Budget that companies are to be taxed differently on their general annuity business from next January, which is likely to lead to a reduction in rates.

For anyone investing for income, the arguments in favour of putting a lump sum into an annuity can be attractive, particularly when interest rates are on the way down. They enable investors to lock into a fixed income, not just for a limited period as with income bonds, but for the rest of their life. Annuities are often used as part of "home income plans" that give elderly home owners a permanent income using the capital they unlock by mortgaging their property.

However, in recent months annuity rates have looked distinctly unattractive when compared with the top rates being paid on bank and building society accounts. This is despite the fact that when an annuity is bought the investor sacrifices the right to withdraw their capital. And if they die after only a few income payments, the insurers keep the money virtually intact, unless the investor has opted for a guaranteed period of payment.

Mike Wadsworth, life assurance specialist at R Watson and Sons, the consulting actuary, argues that comparing annuity rates with the short term cash rate is to compare two different things.

"Insurers issuing annuities have to match them with investments which will provide a guaranteed return over the expected period of payment," he said.

"The traditional investment medium is government securities. The redemption yields on 10 to 15 year gilts have for some time been considerably below those on cash deposits because the market has foreseen interest rates coming down. Therefore annuity rates have also been lower."

Rates on increasing annuities start even lower. They provide escalating payments that eventually overtake the level annuities after a number of years.

Insurers make provision for the increased income in the future by reinvesting the excess interest in the early years, but they will often assume lower reinvestment rates that bring down the overall rate.

In practice, insurers do not restrict themselves to gilts. Other types of fixed rate securities offering higher yields are used as well, such as company loan stocks. Norwich Union, for one, also invests in commercial mortgages.

Another boost to annuity returns should be the fact that part of the payments are actually considered to be a return of capital and are not subject to tax.

Terry Curtis, an actuary at Equitable Life, explained that the rate at which capital is returned, however, depends on life expectancy. "According to the mortality tables a person aged 65 has an average of 20 years or more to live. It is really only when someone gets to the age of 80 that the capital element really starts to make an impact."

In fact, those people who voluntarily buy annuities tend to live longer than those who have to purchase them with the proceeds of their pensions.

"Only people who are relatively healthy buy annuities. Consequently the mortality tables show that a man of 70 purchasing an annuity has a life expectancy of 12.6 years, whereas someone who has no choice but to take a pension annuity can expect to live one year less and therefore will get somewhat better rates," said Mr Curtis.

The insurers deny they are reaping windfall profits from those annuitants who die before the expected time.

Kevin Fogg, assistant actuary at Norwich Union, said: "For all those who die early, there are others who live longer than we expect. Indeed, in recent years people's life expectancies have been improving much faster than was thought, say, in the Seventies. So people who took out annuities then and are still alive today have got a good deal."

Investors can protect themselves against losing out by buying annuities where payments are guaranteed for a period of, say, five or ten years if they die early.

There are also capital protected annuities where the balance of the capital will be repaid to the investor's estate if they die before having received the equivalent income. But such guarantees have to be paid for.

The other element in the annuity equation is the expenses. At least 2 per cent of an ordinary annuity is handed back to the financial adviser as commission. With a pension annuity, commission starts at 1 per cent. The insurance company will also make a deduction for administration.

Mr Fogg denies, however, that insurers make any excessive gains. "The annuity market is very competitive. If you want to attract business you have to make your rates as attractive as possible, which means keeping your expenses to a minimum."

So should investors take advantage of the opportunity to buy annuities before the change in the tax regime? It is still not yet clear how great an effect the changes will have either on new or existing annuities after January 1, though some increase in the insurers' tax bill is expected.

Deferred annuities are likely to be hit harder. These are commonly used in school fees planning to provide guaranteed payments starting some years in the future.

Mike Wadsworth added: "Though annuity rates may be lower than cash deposit rates now, in one or two years' time investors may find they are considerably better off if they lock into an annuity now and interest rates continue to go down.

"But it all depends on your time horizon. An annuity is only suitable if you are happy to lock your capital away for the long term."

The impact of inflation on a fixed income also has to be considered.

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☐ Norwich Union says it is trying to bring private healthcare to more people with Personal Care, a new policy that costs people under 60 less than £11 a month. There is no age limit and no limit on the annual amount claimed.

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Critical diseases are left uncovered

By Liz Dolan

ONE in three people will develop cancer and one in four will suffer from heart disease, according to figures from the Cancer Research Society and British Heart Foundation.

Such statistics ought to guarantee a ready market for critical illness cover, a relatively new type of insurance that protects people from financial hardship after contracting a serious disease. But a survey has discovered that most people cannot bear to think about the possibility, much less want to do anything to lessen its effects.

Prosperity, the insurance company that sponsored the research, says the "vast majority" of people questioned were totally unable to contemplate the prospect of developing cancer or having a stroke.

This finding would appear to be at odds with the experience of Abbey Life, one of the first life offices to market the concept when it came to Britain five years ago. Abbey claims that critical illness cover is included in 40 per cent of the regular premium life policies it now writes, despite the combined policy costing up to 40 per cent more.

Lester Young, Abbey Life's product marketing manager, considers that the two, apparently contradictory, experiences are, in practice, perfectly compatible.

"There is an element of truth in what Prosperity says," he concedes. "But the major problem is rather that people are still ignorant of the existence of this type of insurance."

Abbey has just launched a variation on its original critical illness policy that is not tied to a life contract.

The plan is aimed at people who already have adequate life cover, but may want to buy added protection for, say, the length of a mortgage, or until retirement. It pays out 28 days after diagnosis of one of a number of life-threatening, or debilitating conditions during a chosen period, which has to be at least ten years.

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High balance accounts encourage fraud

By LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

HIGH interest cheque accounts and interest-bearing current accounts are making it easier for people operating an old-fashioned fraud to steal large sums of money.

Never before have large numbers of people kept high balances in cheque accounts. Until the introduction of high-interest current accounts in the past few years, most people placed savings in separate deposit accounts. Thieves had little incentive to steal individual cheques because rewards were likely to be small.

Many of the new accounts require a minimum balance of £2,500, offering thieves rich pickings. Customers of such accounts are warned to make sure that new cheque books contain all the cheques, after several have been tampered with in the post. They are also advised never to leave them around their offices or homes.

A bank employee was mystified recently to find on his latest bank statement that a cheque for £1,800 had been paid. The Midland Bank cheque had been cleared by the time his monthly statement arrived as there were sufficient funds in the account.

He still had his cheque book, so he spoke to the head of security at his own bank. The cheque book had been intercepted on its way to the customer and the final cheque, with counterfoil, had been removed by a razor blade.

The customer had not noticed one cheque was missing from the book. This gave the thief plenty of time to open a building society account, pay in the cheque, wait for it to be cleared and then withdraw the money.

When Midland Bank was contacted, the signature on the cheque was found not to match the customer's and the money was refunded.

Customers do not normally lose out as the false signature is easy to detect. Where a bank thinks that another bank or a building society has been careless in paying cash on a stolen cheque, it might pursue the other bank for the lost cash.

In December, the Bank of England issued guidelines in an effort to cut down on the amount of fraud and money laundered through banks. The guidelines suggested that before a new account is opened, the bank or building society should be satisfied that the name given is correct and that the person lives at the address stated.

Stolen cheques are also used to buy expensive items from shops. Where the cost is many times over the cheque card limit, many sales assistants do not want to see the card and ask for a name and address instead.

At Save & Prosper, Ian Lindsey, the banking director, said the advent of the interest-bearing current account and high-interest current account meant that thieves could be more certain of drawing large sums from personal accounts undetected.

"Not all building societies are taking the necessary steps at branch level to make sure that a new customer is who he says he is," he said.

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OFT to study loan rises by Top-Up

By BARBARA ELLIS

THE Office of Fair Trading (OFT) is eager to hear directly from home buyers whose mortgages were transferred from Provincial Bank to Top-Up Mortgage Services last September.

An OFT spokesman said some of these borrowers could have a strong case against Top-Up Mortgage Services' recent move to increase its mortgage rate from 18.125 per cent to 22.125 per cent.

Both Provincial Bank and Top-Up Mortgage Services are licensed under the Consumer Credit Act and the OFT has the power to revoke this licence if it finds that either company has not complied with the terms of its agreements with consumers.

As reported last week, thousands of borrowers who took out 100 per cent loans with the top slice of the loan from Provincial Bank received verbal assurances from John Charcol, the mortgage broker, that its mortgage rate would be held at the London inter-bank offered rate (Libor) plus 3 per cent.

This week, Shabbir Osman of Streatham, London, a former Charcol employee, pointed out that he had received what seemed to him a clear written undertaking from Provincial Bank relating to the interest rate.

In a mortgage offer letter dated April 26, 1988, Peter Carroll, a director of Provincial Bank, wrote in a paragraph headed "Interest Rate Variations" that the rate would be set quarterly, "at our discretion, by reference" to the Libor plus 3 per cent.

Taking action: Shabbir Osman, who worked at Charcol

Mr Osman noted that Mr Carroll's letter of October 1990 notifying borrowers of the transfer to Top-Up Mortgage Services contained the assurance: "The transfer does not in any way affect your rights and obligations."

Mr Osman's letter of protest to Top-Up Mortgages was answered by Clive Harris, one of the directors, who wrote: "From the inception of the mortgage, your rate has been fixed at the start of every quarter at a certain rate. There has never been any upward or downward calculation taking into account any alterations in Libor." Mr Harris added that under the mortgage agreement "the interest rate is to be set quarterly at the lender's discretion and is obviously set taking into account current money market rates, in particular 3-month Libor. However, the interest rate is not 3-month Libor plus 3 per cent."

Mr Harris said he had taken the matter up with Provincial Bank "who confirm that the interest rate is variable solely at the lender's discretion".

Mr Osman checked back on the published Libor rates and found that his mortgage rate had been within a small fraction of 3 per cent over Libor during his time with Provincial Bank.

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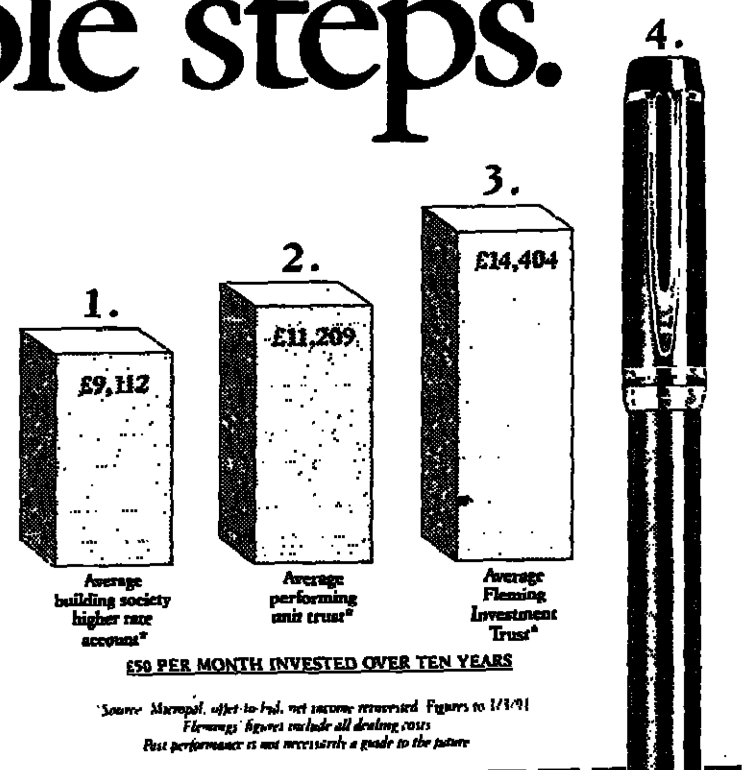

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Revenue seeking out men with older wives

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

TAX offices throughout the country are on the look out for women with younger husbands. An error in the notes issued with the 1991-2 tax returns this week could stop all married men under 65 with wives over 65 from claiming the special personal allowance.

Couples in this situation would have lost out under independent taxation if the allowance had not been introduced. The notes issued this year suggest that no one would qualify for the transitional allowances.

These give married men with wives between the ages of 65 and 74 in April last year an allowance of £3,400 instead of the standard personal allowance of £3,295.

Men with wives aged 75 or above qualify for an allowance of £3.540. In both cases they would also receive the married couple's allowance. Correction slips are being inserted in the tax returns sent out later in the year. In the meantime, when tax districts receive a completed return from a married man they will check to see if he is entitled to the special personal allowance, even if he has not ticked the box on the tax return.

An Inland Revenue spokesman said the error affected about 25,000 couples and that tax offices would do everything possible to make sure that people entitled to the allowance would get it. The lower allowance is worth £26 a year to a basic rate taxpayer and £42 to higher rate taxpayers. The higher allowance is worth, respectively, £61.25 and £98.

About 7 million tax returns are issued each year and should be filled in and sent back within 30 days. There are no penalties charged unless the forms are returned after October 31. Then it is only people who declare new income that may be charged interest on the tax on the income from October 31.

Many recipients of the forms are daunted by them and fear making a costly error. Banks and accountants offer basic services filling in tax returns.

National Westminster Bank's financial planning and investment arm offers a tax form filling service. The fee-based service charges from £100 for the work, although the average cost is £200 and an estimate is available before the work is carried out.

David Nelson, head of financial and investment services, said: "Many people hate having to go to the trouble of filling in their tax form while others are worried that they might not claim their full allowances. We ensure tax forms are completed correctly with all allowances claimed to reduce the tax burden."

Midland Personal Financial Services offers a tax service that deals with income tax return forms, assessments and notices of coding. The personal tax service will fill out a straightforward tax return and deal with any related correspondence for £130 plus VAT.

David Byrom, manager of the personal tax service said: "Next year we will be offering a service to non-taxpayers who want to claim back tax deducted from interest. This will be cheaper."

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Forms go missing

From Mrs P. Hocking

Sir, With reference to your articles (Weekend Money, April 6) regarding the change in tax laws for those people not liable to pay tax on their bank accounts etc. You were surprised that so few people had completed and returned the forms sent to each household.

Well, the answer is that as far as myself, all the people I have asked in this area and relatives in Essex and Cheshire (are concerned) — they do not exist. I have as I said, never received any form and it was my daughter who noticed the forms in a building society in Hale. She brought some home and sent a couple to me, otherwise I would not have been able to register myself, being a non-taxpayer.

As this non-event seems widespread perhaps the paper would care to undertake some type of survey or investigation.

Perhaps I may add that in this close and surrounding area we are still awaiting Aids leaflets, NHS changes info, as well as the Inland Revenue information. All these, it seems, have been sent to all homes in the country. Perhaps it is a confidence trick or some such by the departments concerned, or are we in Kent etc beyond the pale?

All is not lost though, as the *Reader's Digest* know that we exist and I receive two of every offer.

I should be interested in any findings regarding this matter you unearth.

Yours faithfully,
P. HOCKING,
3 Wilson Close,
Maidstone,
Kent.

Bank tops up current accou

From Mr Stephen R. Wills

Sir, Dr H.M. Watson complains (Weekend Money, March 30) that his Bank refuses to make automatic transfers between savings and current accounts. He should change his bank.

My bank, Royal Bank of Scotland, makes sure that the balance on my current account is always exactly £500. Any excess is automatically transferred to deposit and if the balance falls below £500, the deficiency is made up from the deposit account, whether the amount is £5 or £500. And they pay interest on my current account. The system has worked very satisfactorily for a long time and does not cost a penny.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN R. WILLS,
65 Church Crescent,
London N3.

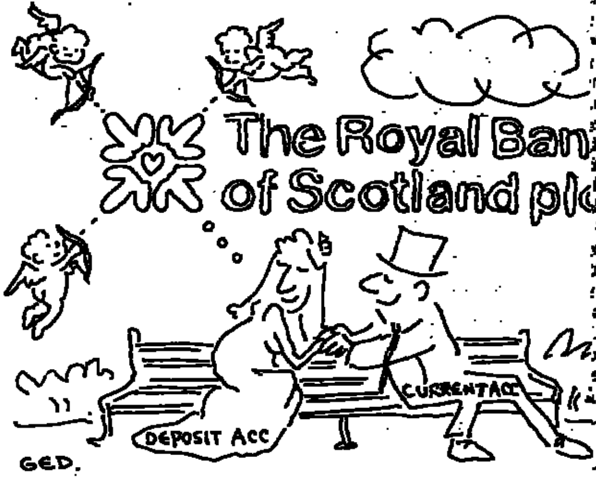
From Mr R. F. A. Heald

Sir, Why is there still this mistrust of the direct debit system? As a former employee of Lloyds Bank I found very few problems with this method of payment, unlike the standing order sy where many mistakes urred in spite of a s member of staff checkir see that the clerk had preted the forms correctly

Companies will advise customers of any increa the direct debit due and th is only a matter of keepi record of the payments tally in the front of cheque book, to avoid advertent overdrafts. It helps to have a monthly statement. The commu charge and rates would much cheaper to collec everyone used this system

I agree with Dr Watson the banks could easily gramme their computer transfer funds from a sav account when necessary, on the other hand why sh they? Surely it is up to customer to make sure h she does not go overdraw believe an unauthorised o draft is a criminal offenc America.

Yours faithfully,
R.F.A. HEALD,
Moatbrook Cottage,
Aston on Clun, Shropshir



Currency mortgages need sound advice

From Mr Michael J. Petley

Sir, Whilst it is always easy to be wise after the event, Mr Nafzger's case (Weekend Money, April 6) clearly endorses each and every view I have tried so hard to express over the last few years.

Not only have I badgered most City journalists on the dangers and inadequacies of this field in its early stages of development, I also wrote to the DTI in order to alert them to the situation and hoping that they would produce some regulation and code of practice. Irrespective of the result, it can only be sound advice for any individual considering a foreign currency mortgage to seek independent and professional counselling first from a company such as ourselves who specialise in foreign exchange. Should Mr Nafzger have taken on The ECU Group to manage his exposure, his position would now be different.

Whilst the article does not state who the currency management company is, it is worth pointing out that (due to the absence of adequate regulation) [illegible] number of "have-a-go" currency managers that have raised their heads. They mostly seem to be one or two man bands, spin-offs from insurance/mortgage broking rather than, such as ourselves, part of a financial trading and fund management group.

Those interested in this field need to choose their management companies carefully to ensure that there are solid management systems and structures behind them.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL J. PETLEY,
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Tax misnomer

From Ms Jozy M. Yeates

Sir, In tax-speak, the expression "capital gains tax" is a misleading misnomer. The selling price is not compared with the buying price — but with the selling price at the time of buying; i.e. bid-to-bid. This is particularly noticeable when selling unit trust holdings, with their wide bid/offer spread.

A less deceptive term would surely be "capital worth more tax'.

Yours faithfully,
JOZY YEATES
22 Castleton Grove,
Jesmond,
Newcastle upon Tyne.

US hotel earned credit for refund

From Mr Louis Fuller

Sir, Please assure Profes McGuinness (Weeke Money, April 6) that not US hotels are guilty of dou dealing. When I stayed i hotel in Houston, Texas, reservation had been made my company in Scotla through a Scottish tra agency. Unbeknown to me, perhaps I just was not thir ing, the reservation had i cluded advance payment the room, but I settled in f the bill that was presented [illegible] cluded payment [illegible]

Hardly had I arrived back Scotland when I received abject letter of apology fr the hotel cashier, confess her error and enclosing a c of the credit note she w issuing against my credit ca This included the few extra had incurred during my st

Yours faithfully,
LOUIS FULLER,
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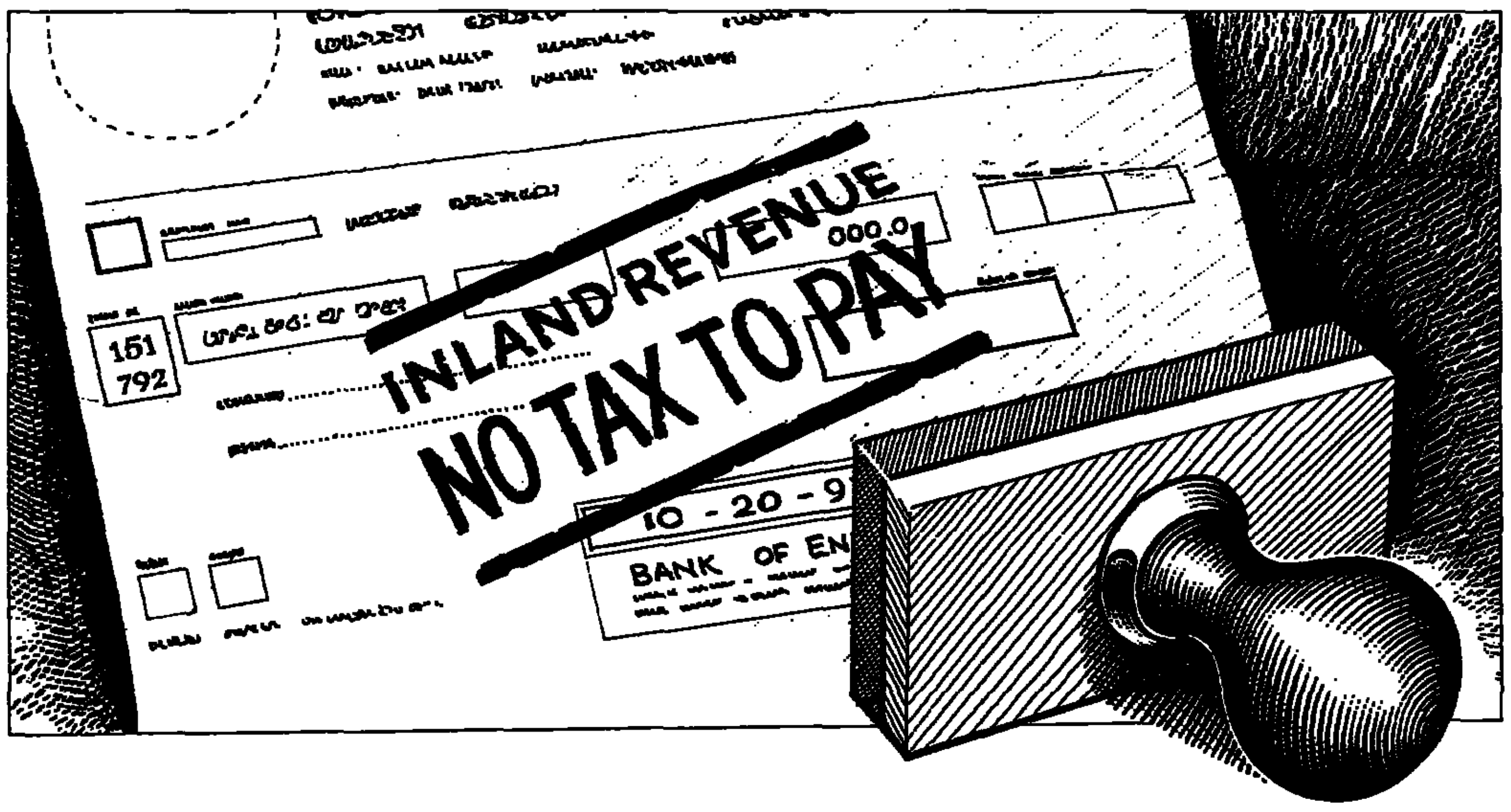

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Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+8	+4	+6	+4	+4		
2	+7	+2	+2	+3	+4		
3	+5	+3	+4	+7	+2		
4	+8	+6	+6	+4	+2		
5	+6	+4	+3	+5	+3		
6	+8	+1	+2	+3	+5		
7	+5	+1	+4	+1	+8		
8	+8	+5	+6	+4	+2		
9	+6	+4	+4	+7	+2		
10	+5	+3	+2	+1	+6		
11	+7	+3	+3	+1	+7		
12	+7	+2	+5	+5	+3		
13	+5	+3	+3	+1	+7		
14	+8	+2	+3	+3	+3		
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27	+5	+2	+2	+1	+6		
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37	+7	+2	+1	+4	+4		
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39	+6	+3	+3	+5	+2		
40	+6	+1	+2	+1	+6		
41	+8	+6	+5	+3	+2		
42	+5	+2	+5	+7	+3		
43	+6	+2	+2	+2	+6		
44	+6	+2	+2	+4	+5		

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very slender one. Of the team that drew the Test match in Port of Spain on Wednesday only Greenidge and Hooper are not absolute certainties for England; but they virtually are, Greenidge because of his Test record there (1,570 runs in 19 matches at an average of 56) and Hooper for the off breaks which augment his considerable but as yet unfulfilled batting talent. Richards likes, too, to have familiar faces around him.

It was disconcerting to hear and see Richards being heckled in Georgetown and Port of Spain during the last two Tests, just as it was surprising to find so many spectators "barracking" for Australia. No doubt the reasons were political, but it was by keeping politics out of cricket that the game became the one great unifying force in the Caribbean. "I just hope whoever takes over the helm from me may get some greater respect," Richards said after the last Test match.

What he would like to do, I fancy, and will, is to keep the present side intact until after the England tour, and to see then how things look for the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand early next year. He, Greenidge and Marshall no longer seem to care much for one-day cricket and might all three be happy enough to call it a day should they beat England this summer.

Richards's successor is almost certain to be Desmond Haynes, and of today's Board XI the most likely to become a part of the Haynes years are probably Lara, Simmons and Williams, left-handed batsman, all-rounder and wicket-keeper respectively. The need for young blood is a real one, and because of this the future of Ian Bishop is a prime concern.

Of the present West Indian attack, Marshall is 33 next Thursday, Patterson is 29, Walsh 28 and Ambrose 27. At 23, Bishop should have his best days ahead of him. He was the most successful of the West Indian bowlers in Pakistan last November and December, and has the rhythm, timing and pace to become the equal of Holding and Marshall — the next great West Indian fast bowler, in fact.

Bishop, though, has has not played since January, when what he thought was no more than a niggle was diagnosed as a stress fracture of the spine. Before making a decision about sending him to England the West Indian board is awaiting the result of x-rays taken in Venezuela last weekend.

When Dennis Lillee broke down with the same trouble out here in 1973 it took him 18 spartan months to get back into action.

ngest season opens

By Richard Streeton

pions, opens the programme at Lord's and the county championship starts on April 27. West Indies, the main touring team, have their first fixture at Arundel on May 12.

Those at Oxford today will have a first sight of Aaqib Javed, a Pakistan fast-bowling prodigy. Statisticians are satisfied that Javed was only 12 years 76 days of age when he made his first-class debut in 1984-5. He is now 18 and has played five Test matches and some 30 one-day internationals. He has been signed as a replacement for Malcolm Marshall, who will be with the West Indians.

Nicholas, the Hampshire captain, misses the game because of a groin strain. Gower will not play until after next week's get-together at Lord's for the England winter tour parties. A third batting absentee is Robin Smith, who is making good progress after a hernia operation.

Oxford are led by Graeme Turner, a South African all-rounder, who hopes last year's revival in Oxford standards can be maintained. Among the freshmen available are Rob Macdonald, a South African fast bowler, who bowled impressively at Durham University last year, and Richard Montgomerie, who passed 1,000 runs for Northamptonshire 2nd XI in 1990.

Lancashire take a full-strength side to Fenner's, where the main interest will be provided by John Crawley, a freshman, playing against his own county. Crawley led Young England in New Zealand this winter.

Racing to beat the big squeeze

Logging up the miles: Brennan on a practice run

By Michael Coleman

FOR those in the midfield and farther back, London's reputation as a fast marathon course hardly stands up. The increasing congestion as the number competing expands is not beneficial in slowing impetuous runners as the television commentators repeatedly tell us.

Injury from tripping or from avoiding others and premature fatigue later when spurting to catch up lost time are experiences common to those to the rear.

Julie Brennan ran the Abingdon marathon last October six months after finishing London in 4 hours 11 minutes — "I've taken off the time it took me to reach the starting line," she said. She got round the Abingdon course in 3hr 49 min.

"I could not believe what was happening. There were only about 200 of us running. Nobody was being jostled. Each of us was running his or her own race.

"I began at eight-minute-mile pace and kept that all the way through. In London it was first 12 minutes for a mile, then a furious six, then nine. It was all out of control."

With a 30,000 field expected in next Sunday's (April 21) ADT London Marathon, Brennan, who is one of our 12 *Times*/Unisys fund runners, is again in the narrow Red Start which has to squeeze out of the gates of Greenwich Park before hitting the course proper.

Anxious to improve on her Abingdon time, she will, like many others, be tempted to move up her starting position in order to slip into her accustomed running rhythm as soon as possible.

Since returning to running as a fitness exercise five years ago, Brennan, who is 31, has widened her sports horizon. She often cycles the eight miles to her job in Oxford, swims regularly and does weights in the gymnasium.

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This is in addition to her weekly 50 miles running log.

Her recently acquired husband, Roger Green, a cycling outdoor enthusiast himself, as well as a modern Greek librarian, is her main supporter. "Holding the bags and cheering me on."

Apart from clock-watching, Brennan's main target in London is to raise money for the Oxford Heart Centre which, she says, "is desperately short of funds and is having to abandon routine operations and concentrate on emergency cases only". As a senior buyer for Oxford Regional Health Authority, she appreciates its plight.

The Times and Unisys — the official ADT London Marathon computer service — hope that by featuring the efforts of our team of fund runners we will help them find sponsorship. If you wish to support one or more of them, write clearly stating your beneficiaries to *The Times*/Unisys London Marathon Appeal, Sports Department, *The Times*, 1, Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. We will send on your donations.

Unisys is offering a Unisys personal computer to the biggest fund raiser and a jeroboam and magnum of champagne respectively to the second and third.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

First division

Ayr v Airdrie
Clyde v Partick
Falkirk v Dundee
Kilmarnock v Brechin
Meadowbank v Clydebank
Morton v Hamilton
Raith v Forfar

Second division

Albion v Stranraer
Berwick v Montrose
Cowdenbeath v Arbroath
Dumbarton v Stenhsmuir
Queen of South v East Fife
Queen's Park v Alloa
Stirling v East Stirling

FA TROPHY: Semi-finals, second leg: *(First leg score in brackets).* Altrincham (1) v Wycombe (2); Witton (0) v Kidderminster (1).

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Marlow; Barking v Carshalton; Dagenham v Redbridge Forest; Enfield v Basingstoke; Harrow v Woking; Hendon v Grays; Kingstonian v Bognor Regis; Leyton-[illegible] Hayes; Wivenhoe v Bishop's Stortford; Wokingham v St Albans

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor City v Frickley, Bishop Auckland v Horwich; Fleetwood v Shepshed; Gainsborough v Morecambe; Hyde v Marine; Matlock v Chorley; Southport v Buxton; Stalybridge v Mossley. First division: Caernarfon v Emley; Curzon Ashton v Irlam; Farsley Celtic v Accrington, Harrogate v Newtown; Radcliffe v Eastwood; Rossendale v Bridlington. Whitley Bay v Rhyl; Workington v Worksop

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Gravesend; Bashley v Crawley; Bromsgrove v Chelmsford; Dartford v Halesowen. Farnborough v Cambridge City, Gloucester v Dover; Poole v Moor Green. VS Rugby v Worcester; Waterlooville v Rushden. Wealdstone v Burton. Southern division: Andover v Margate, Ashford v Baldock; Burnham v Bury Town; Canterbury v Salisbury, Corinthian v Buckingham, Gosport v Erith and Belvedere; Newport IOW v Hythe; Sudbury v Trowbridge; Witney v Hastings; Yate v Fareham. Midland division: Alvechurch v Spalding, Barry v Tamworth; Bilston v Stourbridge; Bridgnorth v RC Warwick; Grantham v Bedworth; Hednesford v Nuneaton; Hinckley v Willenhall; Leicester United v Redditch; Stroud v King's Lynn; Sutton Coldfield v Newport AFC.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester United v Sheffield Wednesday (2.0)

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Ballymena, Coleraine v Ballyclare; Crusaders v Omagh, Distillery v Bangor; Glenavon v Portadown, Glentoran v Carrick; Larne v Linfield, Newry v Cliftonville.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Galway v Shelbourne (5.0).

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Alnwick v Consett; Billingham Synthonia v Whitby, Blyth Spartans v Peterlee Newtown, Durham v Brandon; Ferryhill Athletic v Guisborough, Murton v Gretna; Newcastle Blue Star v South Bank, Stockton v Shildon; Tow Law v Northallerton

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chattens v Cornard, Clacton v Watton; Gorleston v Tiptree, Halstead v March. Harwich and Parkeston v Wisbech. Histon v Haverhill; Lowestoft v Braintree; Newmarket v Great Yarmouth, Thetford v Felixstowe; Wroxham v Stowmarket

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Taunton; Chard v Barnstaple; Chippenham v Liskeard; Dawlish v Frome; Exmouth v Radstock; Paulton v Bristol Manor Farm; Saltash v Mangotsfield; Tiverton v Plymouth Argyle; Torrington v Ottery St Mary.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Atherton LR v St Helens; Bacup v Nantwich; Bootle v Clitheroe; Darwen v Ashton; Eastwood Hanley v Skelmersdale; Knowsley v Vauxhall GM; Maine Road v Flixton; Penrith v Colwyn Bay; Prescot v Leyland DAF.

WEEKLY WYNNER LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare v Pontefract Col; Denaby v Guiseley; Maltby MW v Ossett Albion; Ossett Town v North Shields; Spennymoor v Belper; Thackley v Brigg; Winterton Rangers v Sutton.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Aberystwyth v Maesteg; Afan Lido v Ferndale; Briton Ferry v Ton Pentre; Llanelli v Bridgend; Pembroke v Brecon; Port Talbot v Abergavenny. Inter Cardiff v Cwmbran

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Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Bath v Rossiyn Park
Bristol v Gloucester
Harlequins v Moseley
Liverpool St H v Saracens
Northampton v Nottingham
Orrell v Wasps

Second division

Blackheath v Sale
Coventry v Rugby
Headingley v Plymouth A
L Scottish v Waterloo
N Gosfrth v Bedford
Wakefield v Richmond

Third division

Askeans v Broughton Pk
Clifton v Nuneaton
Exeter v Vale of Lune
Fylde v Sheffield
Met Police v Roundhay
Morley v W Hartlepool

Fourth division north

Birmingham v Hereford
Durham City v Winnington Pk
Harrogate v Stourbridge
Kendal v Otley
Lichfield v Stoke
Northern v Walsall

Fourth division south

Basingstoke v Weston-super-Mare
Camborne v N Walsham
Cheltenham v Sudbury
Ealing v Redruth
Havant v Maidenhead
L Welsh v Southend

Heineken Welsh League Premier division

Abertillery v Newbridge (2.30)
Glamorgan Wndrs v Cardiff (2.30)
Llanelli v Swansea (2.30)
Neath v Pontypool (2.30)
Pontypridd v Bridgend (2.30)

First division

Aberavon v Cross Keys (2.30)
Ebbw Vale v Tredegar
Newport v South Wales Police
Penarth v Maesteg (2.30)

Club match

Leicester v L Irish

Inter-Services championship

RAF v Royal Navy (at Twickenham)

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IRELAND: Under-19 Inter Provincial: Ulster v Leinster (Newry, 2.30). Ulster: Senior Cup: Semi-finals: Bangor v Instonians (Ravenhill, 2.30); Ballymena v Dungannon (Ravenhill 4.0). Senior club (2.30): Malone v West of Scotland; Queens University v Old Belvedere; CIYMS v Portadown. Leinster Senior Cup: Quarter-final: St Mary's College v Terenure College (Lansdowne Road, 3.0). Senior club: Monkstown v Civil Service (2.30); Skerries v City of Derry (2.30). Munster Senior Cup: Semi-finals: Garryowen v Young Munster (Thomond Park 3.30); Dolphin v Shannon (Musgrave Park, 3.30).

SCOTLAND: Club matches: East Kilbride v Edinburgh Wanderers; Dalziel HSFP v Cambuslang. Sevens tournaments: Melrose; Midlands District (at McKane Park). Hawick PSA-Wanderers; Lanarkshire (at Hamilton); Dumfries; Highland; Lismore; Glasgow University.

UNDER-15 INTERNATIONAL: Wales v Netherlands (at Abergavenny; 3.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Leeds v Wigan (2.45).

CRICKET

(11.30 to 6.30)

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Lancashire
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Hampshire

HOCKEY

POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Slough v Hounslow (Wexham School, 2.0); Havant v Neston (Havant College, 2.15).

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: East semi-finals: Norfolk v Cambridgeshire (Harlesdon, 10.15). Essex v Suffolk (Harlesdon, 12.25). Final: (Harlesdon, 3.15). Midlands: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire (Saffron Lane, 3.0); Nottinghamshire v Staffordshire (Highfields, 3.15); Shropshire v Derbyshire (Lilleshall, 2.30); Worcestershire v Warwickshire (Redditch, 3.0). North: Lancashire v Northumberland (Prescot, 3.0). South: Berkshire v Middlesex (Bisham Abbey, 11.30); Surrey v Sussex (Old Walcountians, 11.30); Hampshire v Bucks (Trojans, 3.0).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Quarter-finals: Cardiff v Murrayfield (6.30); Nottingham v Whitley (6.30); Solihull v Ayr (7.0). Promotion play-offs: Fife v Humberside (7.15); Slough v Bracknell (5.45); Swindon v Cleveland (5.0); Telford v Romford (7.30). Qualifying play-offs: Glasgow v Oxford City (4.45); Milton Keynes v Tayside (6.0).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: (at NEC, Birmingham): Men: First division: Final: (7.30). Second division: Final: Birmingham v Bury (4.45) Third division: Final: Cardiff v Chiltern (12.30). Women: First division: Final: Crystal Palace v Northampton (2.30).

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OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: English indoor national championships (Melton Mowbray).
FENCING: Home Internationals (Leicester).
GOLF: Jersey Open (La Moye).
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LANCASHIRE TROPHY: Final: Manchester v St Edwards Old Boys (at Liverpool St Helens).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: (3.0 unless stated): Bradford Northern v Featherstone; Castleford v Sheffield Eagles (3.30); Oldham v Hull (6.30); St Helens v Warrington; Widnes v Rochdale. Second division: Dewsbury v Barrow (3.30); Doncaster v Leigh (1.0); Fulham v Runcorn; Hunslet v Workington (3.30); Nottingham v Chorley; Salford v Keighley; Swinton v Huddersfield; Whitehaven v Carlisle (3.30).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Scottish Students v Oxbridge Students (at Peffermill, Edinburgh).

CRICKET

(11.30 to 6.30)

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Lancashire

HOCKEY

POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Hounslow v Indian Gymkhana (Feltham School, 2.0); Bromley v Teddington (Edenbridge SC, 1.30); Isca v Slough (Ottery St Mary, 2.30); Old Loughtonians v Welton (Chigwell, 2.30); Stourport v East Grinstead (King Charles School, Kidderminster, 2.30). Second division: Firebrands v Warrington (Bristol University, 1.0); Taunton Vale v Bournville (Taunton School, 12.0).

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: North: Cheshire v Yorkshire (Neston RC, 3.0); Durham v Cumbria (Stockton, 2.30).

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OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Liberty Trophy English county championship: Final (Melton Mowbray).
FENCING: Home Internationals (Leicester).
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Saints tread in fear of Nottingham backlash

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

FATE plays unkind tricks at times. When the Courage Clubs Championship resumes today, Nottingham, so desperately close last weekend to a first cup final appearance, must play their Midland rivals. Northampton, who will play in the cup final. If it is any comfort, and I suspect it is not, to Nottingham (beaten by Harlequins in extra time of their cup semi-final), victory would push Northampton closer to the bottom of the first division.

In the basement lurk **Saracens**, who will make themselves safe by beating **Liverpool St Helens**, who are already relegated, and **Moseley** who, if they lose at **Harlequins**, will find it difficult to avoid the descent to the second division.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the scale, **Orrell** must pick themselves up from the depression of their cup exit at Northampton and resume what now must seem a wearisome plod in pursuit of **Bath**. The Lancashire club know they must keep winning and Bath must lose, either to **Rosslyn Park** today, or Saracens on April 27, if the league is to offer any reward for such a hard-working season.

Orrell, who have long complained that the national selectors never visit them, may be encouraged that Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, will be in the crowd to watch them against **Wasps** at Edge Hall Road. Cooke is still assessing second-row candidates for the tour to Australia and Fiji this summer, and will watch Sean O'Leary in operation against David Cusani and Bob Kimmins.

Wasps moved Dean Ryan to lock against Cardiff last week, at the invitation of the national selectors, but he plays No. 8 today in a Wasps pack which will need no reminding that Orrell removed them from the cup this season. On that occasion Cusani enjoyed a clear edge over O'Leary, and Sammy Southern, the Orrell captain, will persuade his men that the same is required again.

"We've got a strong pack who are *going to stay together*, plus young and promising backs," Southern said. "We will get better for the experience of this season and the last week. We will be going all out against Wasps because I can't imagine how we will feel if we lose — and then hear Bath have lost too."

Roger Uttley, the England coach, will watch two more tour contenders at Bath, in Nigel Redman and Simon *Dear, while in the background* is the lanky figure of Martin Bayfield, the Bedford lock who has made an impression at divisional and B level this season. At Coundon Road, the championship of the second division may be determined by the game between **Coventry** and their neighbours, **Rugby**.

The Irish selectors, whose tour party to Namibia will be named next Saturday, are also looking at locks, specifically at *Donal Lenihan*, their former captain, whose season has been ruined by a trapped nerve in the neck and disc problems at the top of the spine. He resumed playing a month ago and if he were to be chosen to go to Namibia in July in a party of 26, it might mean no place for Mick Galwey, the Shannon lock who has played so well this season.

Leading positions

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	10	9	0	1	186	77	18
Orrell	9	7	0	2	211	60	14
Harlequins	10	7	0	3	118	97	14
Wasps	9	6	1	2	141	118	13

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Bath v Rosslyn Park

Bath make no change to the XV that beat Gloucester last week, with Crane remaining at prop and Fallon on the wing. Barnet replaces the injured Davies as Park's hooker with Tayler in the back row and Curtis at lock.

Bristol v Gloucester

Duggan plays full back for Bristol, allowing Thomas to move to stand-off, with Woodman at wing. *Morgan returns to* Gloucester's wing after recovering from injury and Perrins receives another opportunity at centre.

Harlequins v Moseley

Skinner leads Harlequins from No. 8 with Russell and Fox in the back row and Dyte, the former Northampton forward playing in his first league game, at lock. Boyle, who captained the England Under-21 team this season, replaces the injured Maclean in the centre for Moseley and Kapa plays his last game on the wing before returning to New Zealand.

Liverpool St H v Saracens

Liverpool play their penultimate first-division match, since they cannot avoid relegation. Robinson and Rudling return to Saracens' back division, where Ravenscroft plays his first league game, behind a pack which includes McFarland, at hooker, and Adamson, at lock.

N'hampton v Nottingham

Northampton field an unchanged team, in which Shelford makes his last appearance at No. 8 before returning to New Zealand to try to regain his place in the national side. Nottingham, too, are unchanged from the XV which was so narrowly beaten in the cup semi-finals.

Orrell v Wasps

Orrell expect to field the team dismissed from the cup last weekend, though Taylor, Wynn and Hayter have been added to the squad. Wasps restore O'Leary to lock and Ryan reverts to his usual position at No. 8, after playing in the second row in the win *over Cardiff last week.*

Norling on reserve list of Cup referees

By DAVID HANDS

THE Welsh Rugby Union has nominated Derek Bevan and Les Peard as its referees for the World Cup next season, which leaves Clive Norling dependant on a discretionary *place if he is* to be one of the officiating panel during the tournament in October.

Each of the seven senior rugby playing countries can nominate two referees, and one reserve, to the panel with nine further officials coming from the remaining competing countries. The experienced Norling, who gave a masterly exhibition during last Sunday's Schweppes Cup semi-final between Pontypool and Swansea, can hardly be overlooked for a place on the final panel.

He missed much of the first half of this season because of illness but remains head and shoulders above most of his rivals. He will handle the two internationals in July between Namibia and Ireland, as well as the centenary game on September 21 between Old Wesley and the Barbarians.

☐ The World Cup commercial drum continued to beat loudly yesterday with the addition to the main tournament sponsors of Steinlager, New Zealand's leading export brewers. This *brings to four the number of* companies taking up sponsorship packages valued at between £½million and £1m: Steinlager will also support the New Zealand and United States teams, both of whom are drawn in pool one with England.

☐ Voting takes place today to elect a new French federation committee, with speculation rife that the result could terminate the 22-year reign as president of Albert Ferrasse. The rival camps, led by Ferrasse and Jean Fabre against Robert Paparemborde, have each put up 35 nominees for the 35-man executive committee and there has to be an absolute majority before the presidential chair is filled.

☐ The RAF have been reinforced by Brian Richardson, the Boroughmuir and Scotland B lock, against the Royal Navy at Twickenham today. He replaces Alan Nisbett.

Neath get their man

AFTER a week in which he first turned down Neath before being offered a £36,000-a-year contract with Swansea, Brian Thomas has now accepted a renewed offer from Neath to become the club's rugby director (Owen Jenkins writes). He will be Welsh club rugby's first paid administrator and will earn more than the secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union.

Thomas has been offered a ten-year contract and it is believed that Neath matched the terms offered by Swansea. Originally, Thomas rejected the offer of a £20,000 part-time post.

Thomas, who won 21 Welsh caps as a second-row forward, was team manager at Neath before business commitments forced him away. But he put the club on a path to dominate Welsh rugby. Although Neath were beaten by Llanelli in last Sunday's Schweppes Cup semi-final, they need just one point this afternoon to clinch the Heineken premier division title.

Thomas said: "There will be a series of two-year plans aimed at making Neath not only the top club in Britain but the world."

Allan Benjamin, the Neath secretary, said Thomas would, "direct the team management and the commercial management and implement a rugby development plan."

Sussex trainer has Marju and Shadayid in fine fettle with critical trials at Newmarket and Newbury only days a

Moment of truth for Dunlop pa

By MICHAEL SEELY, RACING CORRESPONDENT

"I DON'T *mind* a word or two of criticism now and then, but this is ridiculous," said John Dunlop, studying the carefully-printed letter from cell block A, Oakham Open Prison.

"I read in *The Times* that Marju is to work on Tuesday morning," wrote the anxious punter. "Don't allow him to run his big race on the gallops.....For sure, put him up against the best in the Greenham en route to the Guineas. I, for one, am convinced he will win the Guineas doing handstands. I have staked my pot on him and Shadayid in singles and doubles. Come May, the drinks are on me."

Ironically, the trainer's incarcerated but concerned penpal was wide of the mark. Far from being likely to overdo himself at home, Marju, a *half-brother to the stable's* triple classic winning filly, Salsabil, had once again revealed that worrying trait in his work that had recently seen the colt deposed from his long-held position as favourite for the 2,000 Guineas.

Earlier that morning, important work had taken place in the park at Arundel, still magnificently full of trees, despite the depredations of the gales in recent years.

Together with Angus Gold, Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum's racing manager, Dunlop had watched both Marju and Shadayid, a short-priced favourite at 7-4 to give the stable its third win in the 1,000 Guineas, have vital gallops before next week's important trials at Newmarket and Newbury.

A sea fret had descended as the trainer drove us up the hill to watch second lot, mainly two-year-olds, in action. Discussing Marju, he said: "He continues to be disconcerting. Once again he moved sweetly up to his lead horse, who is a pretty decent colt, and then stopped.

"But I'm not as worried as I was a week ago. It's a pattern that's developed now he's working with better horses. Training is not a black and white thing. We shall have to wait until he's run in the Craven, before we know whether he's a group one horse or not."

Shadayid, on the other hand, had clearly given every satisfaction as Europe's top-rated two-year-old filly is prepared for her first date with 1991 destiny in the Gainsborough Stud Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury next Friday.

Many roads lead to Rome in the world of training thoroughbreds, from the wide open spaces of Newmarket, with its bewildering variety of gallops, to the confines of Arundel Park with its two all-weather strips.

Yet, only seldom working horses over further than six furlongs, Dunlop has been one of the six *leading trainers in* the country for more than 15 years. And from Sussex, he has sent forth horses to win ten British and Irish classics and a host of other group one races at home and abroad.

He took us on a conducted tour. "It's not exactly straight," said Dunlop, driving past a wood-chip chicane through which the horses had to gallop before embarking on the most important part of *their work. It's a fair old pull-*up and makes horses really work. I remember Ryan Price bringing some horses here and telling his lads 'Now then, boys, I want a real good gallop all the way.' By the time they reached the top, they weren't even trotting, they were walking."

Castle Stables are rented from the Norfolk Estate, but Dunlop owns his home, a long, low comfortable-looking house, situated on the other side of the London Road and perched on a hill, overlooking a wooded valley.

Before lunch he talked about Shadayid and Salsabil, who last season became the only filly in history to win the 1,000 Guineas, the Oaks and the Irish Derby. Shadayid staked her claim to future classic fame when giving the stable and Sheikh Hamdan their third win in the past four years in the Prix Marcel Boussac, France's top race for two-year-old fillies, last October.

"They are two very different types. Shadayid is a big, scopey filly. Salsabil was very neat. She was very straightforward and easy to train. This filly is a bit livelier, but from day one last year she's got better.

"She took the trip to France very well, the crowds and the atmosphere on Arc day didn't worry her, or the air travel. And this spring she's been very good. Her temperament's been under control. It's not a worry, just another factor one has to bear in mind."

However talented a filly is at two, the moment of truth only arrives when she appears on a racecourse for the first time in her second season. Salsabil, for example, created something of a sensation when storming home by six lengths in last April's Fred Darling. Now Shadayid faces the same test on Friday.

Universally respected and liked, Dunlop has always given of his time freely to the industry from which he derives his livelihood. He serves on the council of the National Trainers' Federation, and is also closely involved with the Stable Lads' Welfare Trust, the British Racing School and Racing Welfare. His outside interests include the breeding of pedigree cattle and sheep, and he has had considerable success with show horses.

However, despite the high profile and a list of owners that includes a cross-section from greengrocers to *Debrett's* to Gulf Dunlop, like everyone ing, is feeling the effects recession.

Realistically, in such our-intensive industry, lop says that his ambition is to survive. also admits to being sus by hope and dreams of glory. "The excitement Flat is that any yearli each new intake could Salsabil, a Habibti or a S Heights. It's the fascir and, of course, the disappointment."

John Dunlop keeps a watchful eye on Shadayid as the 1,000 Guineas favourite returns from the Arundel gallo

Ganges is 12-1 for Guineas

GANGES was confirmed as Francois Boutin's 2,000 Guineas challenger when beating Steve Cauthen's mount Lycius by half a length in the Prix Djebel over seven furlongs at Maisons-Laffitte yesterday (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

Ladbrokes cut Ganges from 20-1 to 12-1 for the Guineas and deleted Lycius from the betting as the latter is unlikely to run at Newmarket.

Cauthen said: "Quite honestly, I'm disappointed. The slow pace did not suit us at all, but, even so, Lycius was with Ganges most of the trip and really should have been able to go past."

Boutin, adding this triumph to that of Hector Protector the previous day at Longchamp, said: "Ganges is now on target for the Guineas, by which time he will be a much fitter horse"

In the fillies' trial, the Prix Imprudence, The Perfect Life beat Divine Danse by a short head in a muddling race, in which little more than a length covered the first six home.

Of the two Guineas entries, Criquette Head's Divine Danse is less likely to travel to Newmarket than the winner's stable companion Once In My Life, who was an unlucky fourth.

Prospector's Way to qualify in style

By BRIAN BEEL

JENNY Woodward's Canadian-bred red, Prospector's Way, kept on well when winning a 20-runner maiden event at Chaddesley Corbett a month ago.

Unraced since, he may turn out today in *The Times* Champ*ionship qualifier at the Cheshire* point-to-point today, and has a good chance of winning.

The greatest threat may come from In Hand, the members' winner at the Tanatside and Charlie Magpie, second in the restricted at the same meeting.

Cricklewood Chris made a strong run to reduce the 20-length lead of Celtic Express to half a length at the line when coming second at Bishopsleigh. This form should be good enough to see him home in *The Times qualifier* at the Tetcott, where Broughton Manor and I Promised are also engaged.

The largest entry at the four meetings staging qualifiers today is at the Ledbury where 56 are engaged. The VWH members winner, Master Swillbrook, and Mulben, fourth in a hunter chase at Chepstow last time out, should figure prominently, but if Laddie Vallinger runs — he has been absent since coming second at the Harkaway Club on March 16 — he would be my choice.

Sheer Jest should not be seriously opposed if appearing *The Times* qualifier at the Belvoir. It is five weeks since his only outing this term when second in the Oakley adjacent.

Last year, he made an outstanding debut as a five-year-old and looked destined for a bright future. His absence would enhance the prospects of No Smoking, who is preferred to Gulf Of Gold and Sirisat.

Smokin' Anna looks to be best in for the RMC qualifier at the Portman, while, in the Bicester Land Rover event, Saybright should be capable of beating Duncan and Ling Hall.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Belvoir, Garthorpe, five miles east of Melton Mowbray (first race, 2.0); Bicester with Whaddon Chase, Little Horwood, 5m W of Bletchley (2.0); Bramham Moor, Wetherby, inside racecourse (2.0); Cheshire, Alpraham, 3m SE of Tarporley (2.0); Eglinton, Bogside, 1m N of Irvine (1.45); Glamorgan, St Hilary, 2m E of Cowbridge (2.0); Hampshire, Hackwood Park, 2m SE of Basingstoke (2.0); Ledbury, Maisemore Park, 2m NW of Gloucester (2.0); Portman, Badbury Rings, 5m SE of Blandford (2.0); Puckridge & Thurlow, Horseheath, 3m E of Linton (1.30); Tetcott, Lemalla, 8m SW of Launceston (1.30); United Pack, Brampton Bryan, 10m W of Ludlow (2.0); West Kent, Penshurst, 4m SW of Tonbridge (2.0); West Somerset, Vale Nedge, 5m NE of Wells (2.0).

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Beverley

Going: good to firm

2.0 (7f 110yd) 1, CAUSLEY (B Raymond, 12-1); 2, Pimsboy (J Quinn, 12-1); 3, Claudia Miss (Dean McKeown, 16-1); 4, Regent Lad (W R Swinburn, 11-2) ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Aidahe (5th), 11-2 Shout Out, 9 Golden Ancora, Par De Luxe, 12 Duckington (6th), Sobering Thoughts, 14 Nothing's Free, Manse Key Gold, 16 Danny Blanchflower, 20 Vito Vita, 25 Fighting Christine, Mischievous Tyke, Dee And Em, 100 Most Of All. 18 ran. Hd, nd, ½l, hd, 2½l. B McMahon at Tamworth. Tote: £22.60; £3.30, £4.40, £3.60, £2.40. DF: £245.80. CSF: £159.59. Tricast: £2,168.54.

2.30 (5f) 1, PENISCOLA STAR (G Hind, 11-2); 2, Midweek Storm (D Nicholls, 25-1); 3, *Fallowfield Girl (M Birch, 7-1)* ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Daily Sport August (6th), 8 King Optimist (5th), 10 Northumbrian Lady, 12 Cinq Cent Rouge, Lady Dooley, Relatively Risky, 16 The Dominant Gene, 20 Wilmotts, Hexby Lass (4th), Native Lass, Peurto Del Carmen, 25 Champagne Break. 15 ran. 2l, ½l, 1½l, 2½l, ¾l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £6.30; £1.80, £5.50, £3.40. DF: £521.80. CSF: £128.76. Farholme Lads (12-1) withdrawn not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound. Bought in 6,000gns.

3.0 (5f) 1, WHITTINGHAM (J Carroll, 6-1); 2, Sense Of Priority (K Darley, 10-11 fav); 3, Branston Abby (G Duffield, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Gabes, 10 Flying Quest (6th), 14 Ahura (5th), 16 Midnight Violet, Rythmic Style, 20 Danny Kane (4th), Gardenblake, Splendidly Bold, 25 Blunham Express, Chill Wind, Quaktar Royal, Tree Owl, Jester's Gem, Kaderi, Maggie's Song. 18 ran. NR: Venture Fourth, Swanside. Hd, 2l, hd, 2l, 1½l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £8.00; £2.40, £1.30, £12.10. DF: £4.40. CSF: £13.08.

3.30 (2m 40yd) 1, STAR PLAYER (L Dettori, 11-8 fav); 2, Taroudant (S Perks, 20-1); 3, Momser (W Carson, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 9 Gris Et Violet, 12 White Fen, Wessyem, 14 Ambuscade, Hutner (5th), 20 Grace Card, Surest Dancer, Arctic Oats (4th), 25 Emerald Ventura, Golden Divot, 33 Mirandinha, Dutch Blues, 50 Colonel Popski, Tharsis (6th), Banton Loch, Derailed, Le Joueur, Maid Marner. 21 ran. NR: Santaray. Nk, 8l, nk, 7l, 3½l. J Baker at Tiverton. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £4.50, £1.60. DF: £29.80. CSF: £38.54.

4.0 (7f 110yd) 1, ARABIAN KING (K Darley, 11-1); 2, Pasadena Pet (W R Swinburn, 5-2); 3, Victoria Road (M Birch, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Private Access (4th), 8 Admirals Seat (6th), 12 Mapato, 25 Golden Chip (5th), King Of Chance, 50 The Wadkin. 9 ran. 3l, nk, hd, 7l, 1½l. M Brittain at Warthill. Tote: £11.10; £1.80, £1.50, £1.60. DF: £32.00. CSF: £39.08. After a stewards' enquiry, the result stood.

4.30 (1m 2f) 1, WESTHOLME (M Birch, 12-1); 2, Mister Goff (N Kennedy, 50-1); 3, Harbour Knight (J Quinn, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Bellefan (4th), 5 Nuvivak, 11-2 Magic Secret (6th), 8 Moonjid, 12 Priceless Bond, 14 Nasab, Green Lane, Broom Isle, 16 Carole's King (5th), 20 Kronprinz, 50 Bolgheri. 14 ran. ½l, 3l, nk, ½l, ½l. M H Easterby at Great Habton. Tote: £15.70; £3.50, £22.20, £18.20. DF: £459.70. CSF: £408.00. Tricast: £6,388.01.

Placepot: £2,443.10 (0.25 winning tickets. Pool of £2,478.19 carried forward to Beverley today).

Plumpton

Going: good

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, Switch (G Bradley, 2-1 fav); 2, Oxbow (100-30); 3, Albury Grey (33-1). 15 ran. NR: Open Sesame. 2½l, 1½l. C Brooks. Tote £2.90; £1.50, £1.50, £5.20. DF: £4.00. CSF: £9.67.

3.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, The Fruit (Mrs N Ledger, 50-1); 2, Dark Heritage (7-2); 3, Sirrah Jay (6-1). Breakfast Car 6-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Numerate. 2½l, 1l. R Ledger. Tote: £26.10; £5.20, £1.80. DF: £72.50. CSF: £195.02. Tricast: £353.24.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, Amazing Silks (D Gallagher, 15-2); 2, Nathir (9-2); 3, Norstock (4-1 jt-fav). Honey Saint 4-1 jt-fav. 13 ran. MNR: Grey Fellow. ½l, 7l. A Davison. Tote: £9.80; £2.50, £1.90, £1.90. DF: £20.50. CSF: £41.30. Tricast: £145.83.

4.0 (3m 1f ch) 1, Prairie Storm (R Supple, 11-2); 2, Miss Fern (20-1); 3, Plastic Spaceage (7-2). Bold Monk 9-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: True Loop, Chatty Fellow, Monastic Calm. 10l, nk. T Etherington. Tote: £5.40; £1.70, £2.10, £1.80. DF: £24.40. CSF: £86.34. Tricast: £372.12.

4.30 (2m ch) 1, Henfold Lane (R Supple, 6-1); 2, Another Season (6-1); 3, Pensioner Patch (12-1). Bold Archer 13-8 fav. 9 ran. 2½l, 10l. T Etherington. Tote: £5.90; £1.50, £2.70, £2.30. DF: £21.40. CSF: £48.48.

5.0 (2m ch) 1, Bloxham (J Lodder, 3-1 fav); 2, Final Movement (9-2); 3, Ashmae (15-2). 8 ran. 6l, 2l. F Jordan. Tote: £3.80; £1.80, £2.00, £2.00. DF: £8.20. CSF: £15.22.

5.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Quai D'Orsay (Mr R Farrant, 33-1); 2, Red Hackle (11-2); 3, Emsee-H (7-1); 4, Disco Duke (8-1). Doonloughan 4-1 fav. 18 ran. Welsh Commander, Olympus Reef. 2l, 4l. F O'Mahoney. Tote: £26.20; £3.70, £1.80, £2.80, £2.60. DF: £288.20. CSF: £197.91. Tricast: £1,317.98.

Placepot: £181.10.

Wincanton

Going: good

2.15 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Tamarpour (P Scudamore, 7-1); 2, Great Mill (4-1 fav); 3, Silvie (10-1). 12 ran. 12l, 15l. M Pipe. Tote: £7.00; £2.20, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £12.50. CSF: £30.98.

2.45 (2m ch) 1, Anti Matter (P Scudamore, 11-8 fav); 2, Tildebo (9-2); 3, Lynemore (5-1). 9 ran. NR: Barkisland, Saracen. Sl, 2½l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.70; £1.60, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £7.30. CSF: £7.54.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, Hats High (M Crosse, 12-1); 2, Blanton Reserve (8-1); 3, Alig (14-1). Foujita Greenwine 6-1 jt-favs. 14 ran. 1½l, 1l. F Gray. Tote: £14.70; £4.90, £2.10, £3.00. DF: £38.80. CSF: £94.00. Tricast: £1,235.82. After a stewards enquiry, result stood.

3.45 (3m 1f ch) 1, Mulloch Brae (R Dunwoody, 2-1 fav); 2, Lauderdale Lad (5-2); 3, Senator Of Rome (11-2). 7 ran. 3l, 20l. D Nicholson. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £1.60. DF: £2.30. CSF: £6.71.

4.15 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Mossy Fern (A S Smith, 7-1); 2, G W Superstar (2-1 fav); 3, *Beresfords Girl* (4-1). 23 *ran*. 2l, ½l. O Sherwood. Tote: £10.40; £3.30, £1.80, £2.40. DF: £14.90. CSF: £21.54. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.45 (2m 5f ch) 1, Clara Mountain (C Llewellyn, 7-2); 2, Knock Hill (25-1); 3, Cherry Field (10-1). Panto Prince 8-15 fav. 8 ran. ½l, 15l. T Forster. Tote: £5.20; £1.20, £3.50, £1.40. DF: £32.30. CSF: £82.91.

5.15 (2m flat) 1, Dagaz (Mr R Davis, 11-2); 2, Aal El Aal (9-4); 3, Bold Barney (20-1). Old Brig 2-1 fav. 21 ran. 6l, 25l. J Edwards. Tote: £6.40; £2.20, £2.10, £9.90. DF: £11.60. CSF: £20.01.

Placepot: £93.90.

☐ The Charlie Brooks-trained Bokaro (Graham Bradley) contests the £41,341 Corsa Siepi di Milano over two-and-a-half miles in Milan today.

Blinkered first time

BEVERLEY: 3.45 Set The Standards. 4.15 Local Dealer, Angel Train. WARWICK: 3.50 Triplicate, Blakeneys Gift.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Folkestone, Nottingham, Edinburgh, Huntingdon.
TUESDAY: Newmarket, Fontwell Park, Sedgefield.
WEDNESDAY: Newmarket, Ayr, *Pontefract, Cheltenham.*
THURSDAY: Newmarket, Ayr, Cheltenham.
FRIDAY: Newbury, Thirsk, Ayr.
SATURDAY: Newbury, Thirsk, Ayr, Stratford, Bangor.
Flat meetings in bold

SOUTHWELL

2.15 Here Comes Charter. 2.45 Sweet 'N' Low. 3.15 Pipicante. 3.45 Royle Speedmaster. 4.15 Into The Red. 4.45 Royal Mile. 5.15 Copper Market. 5.45 Dan O'Tully. 6.15 Pigeon Island. 6.45 Knockennis.

THUNDERER

2.15 Steveyvul. 2.45 Buckland Haze. 3.15 Nova Lad. 3.45 Ink Splash. 4.15 INTO THE RED (nap). 4.45 Royal Mile. 5.15 Bell Dip. 5.45 Dan O'Tully. 6.15 Bustamente. 6.45 Outlaw.

GOING: GOOD (CHASE); STANDARD (HURDLES)

2.15 EGMANTON NOVICES HURDLE (£1,719: 2m) (12 runners)

1 P0 BRAVE BEN 49 W Mann 6-11-6 .... Mr D Verco (7)
2 00 FAIR CAPPED 38 J Turner 6-11-6 .... K Jones
3 0-5 HERE COMES CHARTER 158 (BF) M Pipe 6-11-6 .... M Foster (5)
4 00-0 MOORLANDER 70 W Tinning 6-11-6 .... S Turner
5 0P0P RAGGYMAN 23 J McConnochie 7-11-6 .... J Shortt
6 -F35 STEVEYVUL 12 O O'Neill 7-11-6 .... V Slattery (7)
7 4506 DOLLY PRICES 12 W Smith 6-11-1 .... D Condell
8 05 DECIDEDLY DUTCH 75 G Pritchard-Gordon 4-10-12 .... S Smith Eccles
9 0033 MOUNT KINABALU 14 S Christian 4-10-12 .... A Mulholland
10 0 M R TWO 22 B Preece 4-10-12 .... A Juckes (5)
11 00 BALMORAL DRIVE 12 W Clay 4-10-7 .... C Llewellyn
12 0 HI DUCHESS 40 H Whiting 4-10-7 .... D Lees (5)

9-4 Here Comes Charter, 11-4 Steveyvul, 4-1 Mount Kinabalu, 6-1 Moorlander, 8-1 Dolly Prices, 10-1 Decidedly Dutch, 12-1 others.

2.45 AVONHOLT SELLING HURDLE (£1,866: 2m) (17)

1 -024 DRU RI'S BRU RI 19 (CD) W Smith 5-11-10 ... D Condell
2 2350 BUCKLAND HAZE 31 P Cowley 5-10-12 .... —
3 0FF BY FAR 44 O O'Neill 5-10-12 .... V Slattery (7)
4 6 CHIC CAROLE 16 R Ingram 5-10-12 .... P Williams (7)
5 0 COMINO GIRL 14 A Reid 5-10-12 .... —
6 02 KASHMIRI WIND 16 J Bosley 5-10-12 .... M Bosley
7 0044 COLOUR SCHEME 46 M Pipe 4-10-9 .... M Foster (5)
8 2535 DERWENT WATERS 44 (B) A Forbes 4-10-9 S Davies (3)
9 F04F FLASH BULB 5 J Hetherton 4-10-9 .... R Marley
10 3P04 FLORET 14 (B) W Wilson 4-10-9 .... J McLaughlin
11 P00 GO BOY GO 16 Miss C Caroe 4-10-9 .... A Stanford (7)
12 4P MOUNTAIN GLOW 11 (V) J Harris 4-10-9. F Murtagh (7)
13 0004 ROMANZZINO 12 (V) O Brennan 4-10-9 .... M Brennan
14 24 *SHARP RUNNER 10F (BF) D Chapman 4-10-9 R Garritty*
15 2 SWEET 'N' LOW 16 M Tompkins 4-10-9. S Smith Eccles
16 P TRADE SECRET 74 W Clay 4-10-9 .... C Llewellyn
17 MISS CLAUDIA 520F B McMath 4-10-4 .... A Carroll

2-1 Sweet 'N' Low, 7-2 By Far, 5-1 Colour Scheme, 13-2 Kashmiri Wind, 8-1 Floret, 10-1 Sharp Runner, 14-1 others.

3.15 MUSKHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,941: 2m 2f) (13)

1 1324 SING THE BLUES 37 (D) C Benstead 7-12-0 .... Dale McKeown
2 1123 SINGING FOREVER 12 (CD) T Thomson Jones 4-11-12 .... Miss S Billot
3 13-1 NOVA LAD 16 (C) P Bevan 7-11-10 .... D Gallagher
4 56F2 THE LIGHTER SIDE 47 (CD,BF,F,G) B Preece 6-11-4 .... Judy Davies (7)
5 0345 MOUNT AILEY 30 Mrs V Aconley 5-11-2 ... J Corkell (7)
6 1106 PIPICANTE 12 (C,S) J Bosley 7-11-0 .... M Bosley
7 3600 WOODCHESTER GLEN 119 (F,G) A Fowler 7-10-10 .... D Byrne
8 3600 CITY INDEX 35 (C,F) N Smith 5-10-10 .... R Beggan
9 3620 INVITE D'HONNEUR 29 Mrs S Oliver 9-10-7 Jacqui Oliver
10 6405 LAVA FALLS 12 (F) M Banks 5-10-5 .... P Dever
11 0432 HOWGILL 14 R Hollinshead 5-10-4 .... Mr S Wynne (7)
12 6650 OLYMPUS REEF 10 (C) P Davis 6-10-5 ... Mr R Davis (7)
13 -060 HEAVENLY HOOFER 136 (F,G) W Storey 8-10-2 .... K Doolan

9-4 Pipicante, 11-4 City Index, 9-2 The Lighter Side, 6-1 Nova Lad, 15-2 Sing The Blues, 8-1 Singing Forever, 12-1 others.

3.45 ROLLESTON MILL NOVICES CHASE (Div I: £2,289: 3m 100yd) (10)

1 2261 ROYLE SPEEDMASTER 14 (G,G) J Edwards 7-11-12 .... N Williamson
2 P ACERTAINHIT 40 S Bowring 7-11-5 .... S Mitchell
3 -0P0 BATTLE'S TOWN BOY 16 Mrs V Ward 9-11-5 .... D Gallagher
4 1025 CARTHAGENA COTTAGE 30 Mrs V Aconley 6-11-5 .... J Corkell (7)
5 0606 FAST REALM 16 (F) D Wellcome 8-11-5 .... A Carroll
6 1006 GAELIC CHERRY 36 (S) R Francis 8-11-5 .... S J O'Neill
7 0042 INK SPLASH 92 (F,G) (BF) W A Stephenson 7-11-5 .... C Grant
8 000F PRECIOUS MEMORIES 12 (G) J Leigh 6-11-5 R Marley
9 4633 SUKAAB 36 G Richards 6-11-5 .... N Doughty
10 35P4 ISOBAR 12 (F) M Chapman 5-10-10 .... F Murtagh (7)

7-4 Royle Speedmaster, 11-4 Sukaab, 4-1 Ink Splash, 11-2 Gaelic Cherry, 8-1 Isobar, 10-1 Carthagena Cottage, 12-1 others.

4.15 ROLLESTON MILL NOVICES CHAS

(Div II: £2,270: 3m 100yd) (10)

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4 2-6F BONNIE DUNDEE 12 (F) J Edwards 7-11-5 N W
5 PPP4 MONASTIC CALM 16 P Davis 7-11-5 ..... Mr R
6 2434 TARA BOY 11 R Francis 6-11-5 .... R Be
7 0P33 THE FORTIES 12 T Bill 6-11-5 ....
8 0/U EASTLANDS MONKEY 16 R Tate 9-11-0 .... M
9 46 EBONY SPRING 12 Mrs P Barthorpe 8-11-0. N S
10 06P0 SWEET THURSDAY 14 B Stevens 5-10-5 M Sar

6-4 Into The Red, 11-4 Admiral's Leap, 4-1 Bonnie Dundee,
Boy, 12-1 Te Forties, 16-1 others.

4.45 ROLLESTON MILL NOVICES CHAS

(Div III: £2,270: 3m 100yd) (9)

1 4UF1 BILL AND COUP 14 (G,C) K Morgan 6-11-7 ....
2 4-P5 BE PATIENT MY SON 7 Miss C Caroe 10-11-5 .... A Sta
3 06PP GENERAL SILKY 16 P Davis 6-11-5 ....
4 -P66 KILFORD 21 P Ransom 11-11-5 .... N W
5 3-PP QUIDEST 32 A Fowler 8-11-5 ....
6 F332 ROYAL MILE 16 (BF,F,G) W A Stephenson 6-11-
7 P8P6 NORTHERN QUAY 14 C Vernon Miller 7-11-0 .... W Hu
8 4126 PUKI PUKI 37 (B) Mrs F Walwyn 7-11-0 .... R
9 1220 HIRAM B BIRDBATH 22 (B,S) J Glover 5-10-10 .... M

7-4 Royal Mile, 5-2 Bill And Coup, 4-1 Northern Quay, 6-
15-2 Hiram B Birdbath, 10-1 General Silky, 12-1 others.

5.15 TUXFORD MAIDEN CHASE (Div I:

£2,251: 2m 4f 110yd) (11)

1 630P BELL DIP 23 R Lee 10-11-6 .... S Smi
2 F0FU CASTLERICHARDKING 7 J Edwards 6-11-6 .... N W
3 2253 COPPER MARKET 14 (B) M Hammond 8-11-6 ...
4 0/-0 ESPERO 14 C Vernon Miller 10-11-6 ..... W Hu
5 -050 HIGHLAND LAIRD 12 J Ringer 7-11-6 ....
6 060U HINDERENDS 11 P Felgate 7-11-6 .... D
7 P6BP LATERAL 11 J Bradley 7-11-6 ....
8 -0PF MONKSCOMBE 11 (B,F) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-6 B
9 P-5 TIBER MELODY 14 M Wilkinson 8-11-6 ....
10 P3P3 VINTAGE VELVET 12 K Bailey 9-11-6 ....
11 23P2 HOW MAJESTIC 14 S Christian 7-11-1 ....

9-4 Copper Market, 11-4 Monkscombe, 9-2 Bell Dip,
Majestic, 8-1 Vintage Velvet, 10-1 Tiber Melody, 12-1 othe

5.45 TUXFORD MAIDEN CHASE (Div II

£2,251: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 U-2 DAN O'TULLY 28 J Pickering 12-11-6 ..... D
2 60UR DEEP SPARTACUS 14 W A Stephenson 7-11-6 .... Mr J
3 0-66 FRIENDLY BANKER 73 T Forster 7-11-6 C
4 -0FP KHETA KING 46 (B) K Bailey 8-11-6 ....
5 FU5P PALACE GARDENS 54 J Bradley 7-11-6 ....
6 P-0B SPINNEY LIGHT 137 W Mann 8-11-6 ....
7 P440 WATERSIGN 5 G Coateworth 10-11-6 ..... A
8 0005 PARSONESS 28 (B) Mrs F Walwyn 7-11-1 .. R
9 30RU ATLANTIC CEDAR 14 P Hayward 5-10-12 Gee
10 PPP5 WIN ELECTRIC 12 J Elliott 5-10-7 .... G

7-4 Deep Spartacus, 3-1 Friendly Banker, 9-2 Parsoness
O'Tully, 8-1 Palace Gardens, 12-1 Win Electric, 14-1 other

6.15 TUXFORD MAIDEN CHASE (Div III

£2,251: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 FF3P BORDER LOCH 10 P Davis 7-11-6 ....
2 4-P4 BUSTAMENTE 30 J White 6-11-6 .... D
3 F ELLERTON HILL 14 C Thornton 8-11-6 .... A S
4 0000 GOOD SEOUL 12 Miss C Caroe 7-11-6 ....
5 PP MISTER KELLY 108 M Hammond 8-11-6 ....
6 -PF3 PIGEON ISLAND 47 P Blockley 9-11-6 ....
7 603U SHIFNAL 44 A James 6-11-6 ....
8 U4FP TEACAKE 108 G Richards 7-11-6 ....
9 -000 LOVE ON THE ROCKS 29 P Evans 6-11-1 .. D
10 040F ALBERT PLACE 3 K Morgan 5-10-12 ....

5-2 Ellerton Hill, 7-2 Bustamente, 5-1 Pigeon Island, 13-2
7-1 Love On The Rocks, 11-1 Border Loch, 14-1 others.

6.45 OSSINGTON HANDICAP CHASE

(£2,551: 2m) (12)

1 3323 VULRORY'S CLOWN 14 (CD,BF,F,G,S) O Bre 13-12-0
2 23/ YANGTSE-KIANG 894 (D,F,G) J Bradley
3 P136 PURA MONEY 123 (D,F,G,S) G Richards
4 -PPU OUTLAW 3 (CD,F,G,S) J Edwards
5 6023 ROYAL CRACKER 12 (V,CD,F,G,S) T Bill 10-1
6 P300 DIAMOND DIGGER 10 (D,F,G) B Preece 9-11 .... Jud
7 3142 KNOCKENNIS 10 (D,F,G) R Lee 8-10-4 .. S S
8 F0PP AFRICAN SAFARI 12 (D,F) Mrs S Smith 7-10- .... J C
9 4041 NOBLE EYRE 8 (CD,G,S) D Gandolfo 10-10-0
10 -41/ DESERT EMPEROR 917 (F) N Tinkler 6-10-0
11 163P CONTACT KELVIN 28 (D,G,S) N Bycroft 8-10-0 .... F
12 312- MEDWAY BOY 320 (D,F) J Twibell 10-10-0 ....

7-4 Knockennis, 5-2 Royal Cracker, 4-1 Pura Money, 1
Emperor, 8-1 Noble Eyre, 11-1 Diamond Digger, 14-1 oth

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: T Thomson Jones, 5 winners from 14 r 35.7%; S Christian, 8 from 23, 34.8%; M Pipe, 26 f 33.8%; Mrs V Aconley, 6 from 19, 31.6%; G Richards, 2 84, 25.0%; J Glover, 8 from 34, 23.5%.

JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 5 winners from 11 rides, 4 Smith Eccles, 20 from 74, 27.0%; J Corkell, 4 from 15, N Doughty, 8 from 33, 24.2%; A Juckes, 10 from 42, 2 Byrne, 8 from 44, 18.2%.

Filly collapses

CASH Asmussen was in tears at Maisons-Laffitte yesterday after the John Hammond-trained Reason To Trick collapsed and died on the way to the post for the Prix Djebel. France's champion jockey had been instrumental in purchasing Reason To Trick for Henri Chalhoub from the United States.

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Midfielder, my choice for the Trillium Handicap Hurdle, bounced back to form with a vengeance at Worcester recently.

Nearer home, Fitzgerald will doubtless be hopeful of also winning the Yorkshire Television Handicap with **Karazan**, who caught the eye on his seasonal debut at Doncaster when finishing sixth in the Lincoln Handicap. However, even he may fail to give 26lb to **Front Page**, who won at Doncaster and then would have followed up by winning again at Kempton eight days ago had not Alex Greaves, his rider on that occasion, dropped her hands and got caught napping close home.

Well that Chadleigh House and Diamond Mine should bth go in the Filey Stakes after winning at Catterick and Carlisle respectively, I am encouraged by the in-form Newmarket trainer Michael Bell to think that they could both fail to give 7lb to his promising newcomer **Governor's Imp**.

At Warwick, **Rouyan**, who landed a nice touch for his trainer Rod Simpson over hurdles at Sandown in February, will be equally hard to beat in the Coventry Cup with only 8st 7lb to carry if he runs as well as he did at Doncaster last month when he was such a creditable third behind Warm Feeling and Mountain Kingdom.

Earlier in the programme, Cabochon's rider, Walter Swinburn, should win the first division of the Knowle Maiden Fillies' Stakes for Michael Stoute on **Pfalz**, who is my nap after showing so much promise in her only race last year at Doncaster.

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...TAKES (£2,651: 5f) (15)

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...J J Jenkins 5-8-9 G Bardwell 2
...32 (D,F) J Baker 4-8-9 ... N Adams 14
...Stubbs 3-8-7 ... E Guest 11
...Bennett 3-8-7 ... A Munro 10
...Hannon 3-8-7 ... B Rouse 15
...L Holt 3-8-3 ... C Avery (7) 6

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5 1-11 CLEAR LIGHT (B,C) M Pipe 4-8-3 ... D Holland (5) 8
6 011/ ROYAL ASTRONAUT (D) R Akehurst 7-7-12 ... — 8
7 -483 NON CONSTAT R Ingram 7-7-11 ... A Mackay 5
8 60-0 NIKITAS (D) Miss A Whitfield 6-7-11 ... G Baxter 2
9 03-1 WINDBOUND LASS (CD) R Holder 8-7-7 ... N Adams 7

3-1 Clear Light, 4-1 High Beacon, 5-1 Windbound Lass, 6-1 Rouyan, Cabochon, 8-1 Royal Astronaut, 10-1 others.

3.50 A C LLOYD HANDICAP (£4,142: 1m 2f 170yd) (20)

1 42-4 JOHNS JOY 12 (F) D Elsworth 8-8-13 ... J Hunter (7) 19
2 8-05 AT PEACE 86 J White 5-9-10 ... T Lang 12
3 6-84 BUSTED ROCK 21 (D,BF,F,G) Mrs L Piggott 6-9-8 ... [illegible]
4 510-1 JOKERS PATCH 16 (D,F) R Holder 4-9-9 ... A Dicks 8
5 335- ALOSAILI 42J B Stevens 4-9-8 ... M Tebbutt 16
6 05-0 FULL QUIVER 35 (V,F) Mrs B Waring 6-8-7 ... N Howe 20
7 510- STACK ROCK 107J E Alston 4-8-3 ... J Quinn 14
8 -205 TRIPLICATE 42 (B) J Dunlop 5-9-0 ... W R Swinburn 11
9 550- DANCING BRIDE 208 J Bethell 4-8-13 ... A Munro 7
10 000- HACIENDA 22J D Burchell 4-8-9 ... N Adams 3
11 050- LE SAULE D'OR 172 (B,F) B McMath 4-8-9 ... T Quinn 15
12 /005 EAGLES LAIR 21 D Marks 5-8-8 ... S Dawson 1
13 80-6 ANTAGONIST 11 B Millman 4-8-7 ... R Price (5) 2
14 45-1 MYFONTAINE 12 (CD,G) K Ivory 4-8-7 ... M Wigham 13
15 05/4 MERRY MARIGOLD 9 (S) J Roberts 5-8-6 ... J Williams 4
16 -321 AL SHANY 9 (S) W Carter 5-8-6 ... T Williams 16
17 41-0 SOBRIETY 8 (F,G,S) G Balding 8-8-1 ... D Tierney (7) 6
18 35-0 ROCKRIDGE 23 G Wragg 4-8-1 ... N Hall (7) 9
19 233- GREENHILLS PRIDE 253 (D,S) J Jenkins 7-7-11 ... G Bardwell 17
20 106- BLAKENEYS GIFT 44J (B,G) B Smart 5-7-11 ... Dale Gibson 10

9-2 John's Joy, 5-1 Myfontaine, 6-1 Al Shany, 7-1 Jokers Patch, 8-1 Rockridge, 10-1 At Peace, 12-1 Busted Rock, 14-1 others.

4.20 CORSTORPHINE & WRIGHT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,050: 6f) (19)

1 1244 BALLASECRET 9 R Dickin 9-7 ... D Meredith (7) 1
2 406- VILANY 176 M Tompkins 9-6 ... R Hills 2
3 331- MACFARLANE 155 (G) M Fetherston-Godley 9-6 ... T Quinn 4
4 042- VERY DICEY 188 (F) R Smyth 9-5 ... W Newnes 10
5 405- SUMMER SANDS 188 (F) D Elsworth 9-4 A Procter (7) 3
6 15-3 MEDAILLE D'OR 14 (F) J Payne 9-3 ... A Munro 9
7 256- DESIGNER STUBBLE 182 G Balding 9-3 ... J Williams 7
8 10-3 LUCY DANCER 12 (G) M McCormack 9-2 ... J Reid 5
9 210- SHADES OF VERA 182 (D,F) G Lewis 9-2 Paul Eddery 6
10 40-0 BANBURY FLYER 14 (F) Mrs A King 9-1 ... W R Swinburn 16
11 501- SARCITA 152 (D,S) D Elsworth 9-1 ... J Hunter (7) 14
12 040- KELLYS KINGDOM 135 (F) R Bennett 8-13 ... W Ryan 18
13 310- CHERRY DANCE 179 (D,G) D Chapman 8-10 ... S Wood (3) 12
14 020- WSOM 168 M O'Neill 8-9 ... J Fortune 8
15 432- THE MARSHALLS LADY 188 C Wall 8-8 ... N Day 13
16 000- HAMOUDI 155 D Morley 8-0 ... G Hind (3) 11
17 00-1 TIME LORD 18 (S) L Holt 7-13 ... T Williams 19
18 50-4 KINLET VISION 18 (D,F) J Berry 7-11 ... G Bardwell 15
19 00-0 YOUNG JAMES 11 J Baker 7-11 ... N Adams 17

5-1 Sarcita, 11-2 Medaille D'Or, 8-1 Time Lord, 8-1 Kinlet Vision, 10-1 Lucy Dancer, 12-1 Summer Sands, Macfarlane, 14-1 others.

4.50 BINTON CLAIMING STAKES (£2,629: 5f) (15)

1 000- FIRST FLUSH 187 (G) K Ivory 5-9-5 ... M Wigham 15
2 004- GUEST PLAYER 40J (F) D Wintle 4-9-3 ... K Brown (7) 8
3 000- EVER SO SHARP 184 (B,D,F,G) J Smith 8-9-2 ... Paul Eddery 1
4 0-00 DEEP REEF 42 (B,S) J Baker 5-9-0 ... N Adams 6
5 0- EIDOLON 218 R Holder 4-9-0 ... A Dicks 7
6 00-0 GREEN'S STUBBS 11 (F) A Barrow 4-8-13 ... S Whitworth 12
7 00-0 FIGMENT 24 (B,D,F) D Chapman 4-8-12 ... S Wood (3) 14
8 636- HOW'S YER FATHER 172 R Hodges 5-8-12 ... A Tucker (5) 4
9 06/ PUNKIE 21J R Dickin 5-8-8 ... S Dawson 11
10 000- CROSS MAGS 334 D Burchell 4-8-7 ... J Williams 13
11 0500 BALSMO 12 (B) D Haydn Jones 3-8-5 ... J Reid 10
12 430- FIVESEVENFIVEO 197 (D,G) J Berry 3-8-2 ... J Carroll 9
13 00-3 LAND SUN 7 (V,D,F,S) M Channon 3-8-2 ... J Quinn 3
14 00- PLEASE PLEASE ME 177 A Lee 3-8-0 ... J Fortune 2
15 0 INDY EXPRESS 53 T McGovern 3-7-9 ... Kim McDonnell (7) 5

5-2 Fivesevenfiveo, 7-2 Figment, 9-2 Land Sun, 6-1 Balsmo, 8-1 Guest Player, 10-1 How's Yer Father, 12-1 others.

5.20 KNOWLE MAIDEN FILLIES GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: £2,174) (14)

1 64- BDOORE 208 M Jarvis 8-11 ... G Crealock 3
2 0-6 CHARMING REPLY 12 M Usher 8-11 ... M Wigham 9
3 33- CLIPPING 222 H Cecil 8-11 ... W Ryan 12
4 000- CRONK'S DOMINION 188 G Lewis 8-11 Paul Eddery 14
5 0 DAMES RUBY 11 D Wintle 8-11 ... K Brown (7) 7
6 DIAMOND JILL T Hallett 8-11 ... N Adams 1
7 20 INTENTIONS 24 D Murray Smith 8-11 ... R Wernham 10
8 5- INTERROGATE 294 R Boss 8-11 ... A Cruz 6
9 000- LADY WINIFRED 173 R Hannon 8-11 ... B Rouse 13
10 LATE LADY R Holder 8-11 ... A Dicks 4
11 66- LYDIA MARIA 177 P Harris 8-11 ... — 8
12 RESTAPOUR G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 ... W Hood 2
13 000- SCARED STIFF 181 G Balding 8-11 ... J Williams 5
14 STEBECCA J Moore 8-11 ... — 11

6-4 Clipping, 7-2 Interrogate, 6-1 Lydia Maria, 10-1 Intentions, 12-1 Lady Winifred, 14-1 Bdoore, 16-1 Restapour, 20-1 others

In The Groove setback

IN THE Groove has met with a training setback in the build-up to her proposed first appearance of the season.

Her trainer David Elsworth revealed yesterday that his four-year-old star suffered a slight overreach on her near-fore heel while galloping at Whitsbury. However, he has not given up hope of running her in the Prix Ganay at Longchamp on April 28, or the alternative target, the Trusthouse Forte Mile at Sandown Park two days earlier.

Elsworth said: "It is not a serious injury – the overreach is only superficial – but it blew up rather nastily and it is a hiccup that might stop us.

"We shall just let her walk over the next couple of days, and we won't canter her again before Monday."

Officially rated a better filly than Salsabil last season, In The Groove's victories included the Dubai Champion Stakes, Goffs Irish 1,000 Guineas at The Curragh, plus York's Juddmonte International and Tattersalls Musidora Stakes.

☐ Lester Piggott makes his first appearance at the German course, Hoppergarten, tomorrow, when he has five rides.

ASCOT

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.00 Legal Beagle.	2.00 Greek Flutter.	2.00 LEGAL BEAGLE (nap).
2.30 Master Gleason.	2.30 Heart Of Kings.	3.05 Pragada.
3.05 Lumberjack.	3.05 Lumberjack.	
3.35 Midfielder.	3.35 Star Season.	
4.05 Gold Cap.	4.05 Pipers Copse.	
4.40 Mount Argus.	4.40 John Sam.	
5.15 Dragons Den.	5.15 Mr Jamboree.	
5.50 Coasting.	5.50 Coasting.	

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.05 GIVUS A BUCK.

Brian Beel: 4.40 Wellington Brown.

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2.0 LILY TREE NOVICES HURDLE (£4,467: 2m 4f) (12 runners) BBC1

101 5 ALEGBYE 36 (Mrs M McGlone) J Gifford 5-11-7 ... NON-RUNNER —
102 05450-P BARKHILL 105 (J Daniels) R Curtis 5-11-7 ... D Morris —
103 CAMBO 234F (M Banks) M Banks 5-11-7 ... D Skyrme —
104 153320 DARA DOONE 2 (BF,G,S) (B Mackie) R Akehurst 5-11-7 ... L Harvey 96
105 0-25001 FERRYSTREAM 12 (B,D,S) (R Payne) J Baker 5-11-7 ... S Burrough (5) 93
106 6 FRICKLEY 92 (R Ogden) N Gaselee 5-11-7 ... A Adams —
107 3421 GREEK FLUTTER 11 (G) (Mrs A Budge) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-7 ... M Dwyer 94
108 63-0304 MUSCLETON 22 (M Kingsley) D Elsworth 5-11-7 ... P Holley 95
109 110 QUENTIN DURWOOD 35 (BF,S) (Mrs R Bonner) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-7 ... M Pitman 89
110 0405 ROCHESTER 47 (Mrs E Hitchins) R Lee 5-11-7 ... W McFarland 69
111 F4-2110 SABAKI RIVER 32 (G,S) (Mrs K Stuart) Mrs J Retter 7-11-7 ... — 90
112 FPP TOUCH OF WINTER 50 (Mrs D Stamp) K Bailey 5-11-7 ... J Osborne —
113 24 VICOMPT DE VALMONT 23 (R Tooth) N Henderson 5-11-7 ... R Dunwoody 73
114 6-0PFFU YEOMAN FARMER 14 (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 7-11-7 ... D Murphy 79
115 4-51311 SPRINGALEAK 14 (G,S) (Mrs B Samuel) O Sherwood 6-11-2 ... A S Smith (5) 98
116 213510 ACCESS SUN 30 (F,S) (M McBride) J King 4-11-0 ... J Kavanagh (3) 89
117 000 ASSEMBLY DANCER 14 (Miss B Palmer) D Williams 4-11-0 ... D Hood (7) —
118 118 LEGAL BEAGLE 30 (G,S) (Mrs A Bodle) G Harwood 4-11-0 ... M Perrett ● 99
119 211123 TIM SOLDIER 21 (D,BF,S) (Pipe Scudamore Racing Plc) M Pipe 4-11-0 ... P Scudamore 97

BETTING: 2-1 Legal Beagle, 3-1 Springleak, 5-1 Tim Soldier, 13-2 Sabaki River, 8-1 Greek Flutter, 10-1 Quentin Durwood, 12-1 others.

1990: STRATFORD PONDS 5-11-7 J Osborne (4-6 fav) O Sherwood 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

DARA DOONE 3l 2nd to Annio Chilone at Lingfield (2m 4f, soft) on penultimate start; previously 10l 3rd to Mudahim at Chepstow (2m, soft) with QUENTIN DURWOOD tailed off 10th.
FERRYSTREAM beat Hidden Dollar 12l in Chepstow (2m 4f, good to soft) claimer. GREEK FLUTTER beat Robert Dear 4l at Wetherby (2m, good). QUENTIN DURWOOD beat Hopeful Alda 10l at Stratford (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. SABAKI RIVER beat Shadow Run 10l at Cheltenham (2m, good) on penultimate start. SPRINGALEAK beat Nickle Joe 7l at Haydock (2m, good to soft). ACCESS SUN beat Lasting Memory 2½l in Wincanton (2m, good to soft) handicap on penultimate start. LEGAL BEAGLE staying-on 22l 6th of 27 to Oh So Risky in Daily Express Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, good) with ACCESS SUN 24l 16th; previously beat Nidomi 15l at Plumpton (2m, good to soft). TIM SOLDIER 9l 3rd to Jailbreaker in Newbury (2m 100yd, good) handicap.
Selection: LEGAL BEAGLE (nap)

2.30 ROYAL FERN NOVICES CHASE (£8,970: 3m) (15 runners) BBC1

201 F60423 A LAD INSANE 60 (F) (Miss S Wills) K Bailey 10-11-8 ... A Tory 79
202 P50-504 ARCTIC BARON 12 (C Raymond) Miss J Thorne 6-11-8 ... N Dawe 83
203 00/34-4P BORDER KING 47 (Sir G Brunton) K Bailey 9-11-8 ... A Adams 78
204 26-22P4 CLOSE ESCAPE 25 (S) (Mrs J Debenham) N Henderson 8-11-8 ... R Dunwoody 93
205 6/235PF COUNTRY CAP 28 (S) (R Townsend) R Townsend 10-11-8 ... Mr D Townsend 90
206 0/F2425 CROPDATE 25 (S) (Premier Crops Ltd) Miss H Knight 8-11-8 ... B Dowling 96
207 403-F2P HEART OF KINGS 31 (R Fairbarns) J Gifford 7-11-8 ... D Murphy 98
208 452/383 INTO THE GLEN 7 (P Piller) W A Stephenson 8-11-8 ... Mr K Johnson 83
209 PF3F-P2 MASTER GLEASON 12 (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 8-11-8 ... P Scudamore 81
210 4P6UPP MOUNTAIN CABIN 25 (V) (Major G Murray Smith) D Murray Smith 9-11-8 ... P Verling —
211 030/P33 PASSO ALL'ERTA 14 (D Deacon) P Cowley 8-11-8 ... D Skyrme 76
212 004-053 RYTON GUARD 12 (Mrs A Ireland) S Christian 6-11-8 ... G Upton 86
213 0F0-602 SHARPRIDGE 22 (J Skull) J King 7-11-8 ... M Richards 96
214 03UUUU STOP TWO 22 (D Mills) M Oliver 7-11-8 ... S Earle —
215 556323 TRYUMPHANT LAD 12 (B) (M Deasley) T Jones 7-11-8 ... H Davies ● 99

BETTING: 5-2 Into The Glen, 5-2 Ryton Guard, 11-2 Close Escape, 15-2 Master Gleason, 8-1 Arctic Baron, Sharpridge, 10-1 Tryumphant Lad, Heart Of Kings, 16-1 others.

1990: BIZAGE MOTORS 6-11-8 M Pitman (6-1) Mrs J Pitman 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

DARA DOONE 3l 2nd to Annio Chilone at Lingfield (2m 4f, soft) on penultimate start; previously 10l 3rd to Mudahim at Chepstow (2m, soft) with QUENTIN DURWOOD tailed off 10th.
FERRYSTREAM beat Hidden Dollar 12l in Chepstow (2m 4f, good to soft) claimer. GREEK FLUTTER beat Robert Dear 4l at Wetherby (2m, good). QUENTIN DURWOOD beat Hopeful Alda 10l at Stratford (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. SABAKI RIVER beat Shadow Run 10l at Cheltenham (2m, good) on penultimate start. SPRINGALEAK beat Nickle Joe 7l at Haydock (2m, good to soft). ACCESS SUN beat Lasting Memory 2½l in Wincanton (2m, good to soft) handicap on penultimate start. LEGAL BEAGLE staying-on 22l 6th of 27 to Oh So Risky in Daily Express Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, good) with ACCESS SUN 24l 16th; previously beat Nidomi 15l at Plumpton (2m, good to soft). TIM SOLDIER 9l 3rd to Jailbreaker in Newbury (2m 100yd, good) handicap.
Selection: LEGAL BEAGLE (nap)

3.5 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE NOVICES CHASE HANDICAP (£15,530: 2m 4f) (12 runners) BBC1

301 211213 PRAGADA 32 (G,S) (Mrs M McGlone) J Gifford 8-11-10 ... D Murphy 92
302 3F2122 EDBERG 12 (G,S) (R Darby) J Johnson 7-11-7 ... A Orkney 87
303 P-15011 LUMBERJACK 12 (D,G,S) (A Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-7 ... M Dwyer 84
304 5-362P4 MAN ON THE LINE 3 (F,G) (L Randell) R Akehurst 8-10-12 ... L Harvey 90
305 33F1F2 GIVUS A BUCK 3 (B,D,G,S) (K Costello) D Elsworth 8-10-8 ... P Holley ● 99
306 1F2UU5 DEERNESS SPOOK 14 (BF,F) (Mrs L Turner) T Thomson Jones 8-10-8 ... M Perrett 86
307 211321 HILARION 12 (D,F,S) (D Nichols) J Edwards 7-10-5 ... D Tegg 78
308 1122P2 PRISCILLIAN 14 (F,G) (H Mould) D Nicholson 7-10-5 ... R Dunwoody 82
309 30F141 KINGS FOUNTAIN 12 (F,G) (E Banks) K Bailey 8-10-3 ... A Tory 80
310 332213 POPESWOOD 22 (D,S) (N Hitchins) W Wightman 8-10-3 ... M Richards 88
~~311 382211 MIGHTY FALCON 12 (D,F,S) (R Tory) D Elsworth 6-10-1 ... P Scudamore 86~~
~~312 ... NEAT THE FOULKES 12 (Mrs E Coleman) J Coleman 10-10-0 ... D Skyrme —~~

Long handicap: Meat The Foulkes 9-4.

BETTING: 5-2 Lumberjack, 9-2 Givus A Buck, 6-1 Mighty Falcon, 8-1 Pragada, 10-1-1 Edberg, 12-1 Hilarion, Deerness Spook, 14-1 others.

1990: SWORD BEACH 6-10-1 L Wyer (6-4 fav) M H Easterby 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRAGADA 10¼l 3rd to King's Curate at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to soft); previously comfortably beat Whats The Crack 5l in Kempton (3m, good) novice chase.
EDBERG made all to beat Simple Pleasure 4l at Edinburgh (2m, good) in February; latest ½l 2nd to Dr Rocket at Wetherby (2m 50yd, good). GIVUS A BUCK beat Whatever You Like 1½l at Newbury (2m 4f, good) with POPESWOOD (6lb better off) 6l 3rd; latest 4l 2nd to Southerly Buster over course and distance (good), with MAN ON THE LINE (3lb worse off) 18½l 4th. PRISCILLIAN 6l 2nd to Members' Revenge at Towcester (2m 50yd, good to firm) with DEERNESS SPOOK (3lb better off) 4¾l 5th. KINGS FOUNTAIN beat Tildebo 8l at Towcester (2m 50yd, firm). MIGHTY FALCON beat Metannee a sh hd at Wincanton (2m 5f, good to firm).
Selection: GIVUS A BUCK

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Jimmy Fitzgerald	7	24	29.2	M Dwyer	8	35	22.9
K Bailey	7	26	26.9	Mr M Armytage	4	18	22.2
M Pipe	19	79	24.1	L Harvey	6	27	22.2
W A Stephenson	3	13	23.1	M Perrett	11	51	21.6
R Lee	3	14	21.4	P Scudamore	30	151	19.9
D Elsworth	19	92	20.7	M Pitman	5	30	16.7

BEVERLEY

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
2.15 Silly Habit.	2.15 Ailort.
2.45 Governor's Imp.	2.45 Diamond Mine.
3.15 Front Page.	3.15 Karazan.
3.45 Farmer Jock.	3.45 Farmer Jock.
4.15 Joli's Great.	4.15 High Kicking.
4.45 Stop Press.	4.45 Torpedos Los.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 Governor's Imp.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 KIPLINGCOTES SELLING STAKES (£2,998: 2m 40yd) (24 runners)

1 (20) 0/ BARCHAM PRINCE 12J (F) (M Taylor) T Kersey 9-9-6 ... J Carr —
2 (5) /5100/ ICHI BAN SON 14J (B,C,F,S) (B Kilpatrick) A Smith 7-9-6 ... A Clark —
3 (16) 0405/ ORIENTAL DREAM 12J (S) (D Humphries) F Yardley 7-9-6 ... G Carter —
4 (14) 0356-84 SELDOM IN 12 (Mrs V Craggs) J Wharton 5-9-6 ... A Proud 64
5 (6) 051400- SPRING MORN 14J (C,F) (Mrs A Taylor (Co Durham)) A Stringer 6-9-6 ... D Nicholls 75
6 (22) 56/4350- TOKANDA 243J (G) (F Yardley) F Yardley 7-9-6 ... J Lowe 50
7 (1) 04620-0 FLAMING GLORY 12 (B,G) (Red Lion Turf Club) R Stubbs 4-9-2 ... S Keightley 98
8 (3) 201533- LONGSHOREMAN 12J (F) (Robinson Publications Ltd) N Tinkler 4-9-2 ... Kim Tinkler ● 99
9 (21) 01350-4 FIESOLE 10 (F) (R Wheeler) G Moore 5-9-1 ... B Raymond 52
10 (17) 5220/0 MILITARY HONOUR 5 (B) (D Hilton Cox) M W Easterby 6-9-1 ... K Darley —
11 (19) NAE BOTHER 28J (W Wharton) J Wharton 7-9-1 ... M Birch —
12 (7) /205/04- SMOKE 26J (Miss L Whitten) J Parkes 5-9-1 ... S Webster 76
13 (12) 2/0522-0 SPIRITUALIST 17 (T Mulrooney) A Harrison 5-9-1 ... K Fallon 85
14 (4) 05120-5 AILORT 8 (S) (E Wilkinson) P Jones 4-8-11 ... A McGlone 86
15 (18) 30330-0 HAFHAFAH 53 (F) (Hambleton Racing 1989) P Haslam 4-8-11 ... M Roberts 97
16 (2) MONA CHIC 40J (Mrs M Ryan) M Ryan 4-8-11 ... J McLaughlin —
17 (11) 00000-2 PHAROAH'S GUEST 16J (E Reitel) J Akehurst 4-8-11 ... Dean McKeown 82
18 (10) 50310-0 ROYAL MAZI 4 (D,F) (Unique Racing 11 Plc) C Beever 4-8-11 ... R Cochrane 87
19 (8) OVERT 28J (G Chipman) B McMahon 6-8-10 ... L Dettori —
20 (9) /20000/ PONTEVECCHIO BELLA 12J (F Brown) R Juckes 5-8-10 ... NON-RUNNER —
21 (24) 035223- SILLY HABIT 50J (Amity Finance Ltd) J Hills 5-8-10 ... M Hills 90
22 (15) 0000/00 CAMMY COME HOME 36 (Mrs J Addleshaw) Miss G Rees 4-8-6 ... J Fanning (5) —
23 (13) 5 CHARTER LIGHTS 19 (B) (R Ellis) J Jenkins 4-8-6 ... J Curant 54
24 (23) 2005-60 COCKED HAT GIRL 12 (A Bell) S Bowring 4-8-6 ... R Fox 76

BETTING: 7-2 Longshoreman, 9-2 Ailort, 6-1 Pharoah's Guest, 10-1 Silly Habit, Cocked Hat Girl, 12-1 Spiritualist, Royal Mazi, Hafhafah, 16-1 Fiesole, 20-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.45 FILEY STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,044: 5f) (9 runners)

1 (6) 1 CHADLEIGH HOUSE 17 (D,S) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 9-4 ... S Perks —
2 (3) 1 DIAMOND MINE 14 (D,G) (P Savill) J Berry 9-4 ... K Darley —
3 (1) 33 AUCTION KING 14 (D Tate) A Smith 8-11 ... S Webster —
4 (4) CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE (Cumbrian Industrials Ltd) M H Easterby 8-11 ... M Birch —
5 (8) GOVERNOR'S IMP (Hambleton Thoroughbred Racing 1989 Plc) M Bell 8-11 ... M Hills —
6 (5) INTREPID FORT (Miss N Harrod) B Murray 8-11 ... K Fallon —
7 (2) 0 WINGED WHISPER 23 (Stars and Stripes Partners) C Thornton 8-11 ... J Bleasdale —
8 (7) 0 ABSOLUTLEY FOXED 14 (G Chipman) B McMahon 8-6 ... L Dettori —

BETTING: Evens Diamond Mine, 4-1 Chadleigh House, 9-2 Governor's Imp, 5-1 Cumbrian Challenge, 12-1 Auction King, 20-1 Others.

1990: GODSCHARM 8-1 S Maloney (5-1) M Brittain 5 ran

3.15 YORKSHIRE TELEVISION HANDICAP (£3,882: 1m 100yd) (10 runners)

1 (3) 34030-6 KARAZAN 21 (D,F,G) (J Dick) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-0 ... M Roberts 91
2 (1) 302-504 LAIRD OF BALMORAL 12 (D,S) (Gymcrak Racing Plc) M H Easterby 4-9-9 ... M Birch 94
3 (8) 021543- KINLACEY 204 (F) (M Stokes) B McMahon 4-8-13 ... L Dettori 86
4 (4) 0-44260 SHINING JEWEL 21 (D,F) (E Eldin) E Eldin 4-8-12 ... B Raymond ● 99
5 (6) 064000- GENAIR 24J (CD,F) (N Firth) G Moore 8-8-2 ... K Fallon 96
6 (7) 0400-12 FRONT PAGE 8 (BF,F,S) (Amity Finance Ltd) J Akehurst 4-8-2 ... Dean McKeown 91
7 (2) 121360- SAPPHIRINE 185 (D,F,S) (F Hines) R Whitaker 4-7-12 ... J Fanning (5) 95
8 (9) 4660-30 NORTHGATE KING 14 (C,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-7-8 ... J Lowe 95
9 (5) 06000-0 NORQUAY 12 (CD,F,G,S) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 6-7-8 ... Kim Tinkler 88
10 (10) 20-3354 ORCHARD'S PET 11 (F) (P Stringer) W G M Turner 5-7-7 ... — 93

BETTING: 2-1 Front Page, 9-2 Laird Of Balmoral, 5-1 Karazan, 7-1 Norquay, 10-1 Shining Jewel, 12-1 Northgate King, Genair, 14-1 Others.

1990: SMOOTH FLIGHT 4-8-3 A Mackay (7-1) R Stubbs 6 ran

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.35 TRILLIUM HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,936: 2m) (11 runners)

401 152152 STAR SEASON 22 (D,G,S) (M Wheeler) R Holder 7-11-10 ... N Mann 93
402 313405 TRIMLOUGH 8 (D,G,S) (T Wragg) P Dalton 8-11-8 ... J J Quinn 87
403 153110 OLVESTON 12 (CD,F,G,S) (C Lewis) D Barons 7-11-6 ... R Greene (5) 93
404 02U001 MIDFIELDER 10 (D,F,S) (Bournstream '7') P Hobbs 5-11-4 ... C Maude (3) ● 99
405 1512 PEACE KING 11F (D,F,G) (Lady Brown) G Harwood 5-11-2 ... M Perrett 85
406 330351 SHU FLY 12 (D,F,G) (Severn First Partnership) Mrs S Oliver 7-10-13 ... R Hyett 98
407 U63P/P4 REDGRAVE GIRL 14 (D,F,G) (W Dawes) K Bishop 9-10-3 ... S Earle 91
408 2211P- LISSAHANE LASS 372 (D,S) (J Whelan) P Hedger 5-10-3 ... M Richards 84
409 F0/1-030 COCK A LEEKIE 84 (BF,F) (Food Brokers Ltd) R Akehurst 8-10-0 ... L Harvey 89
410 511P-P4 ARSONIST 12 (D,F) (A Blackmore) A Blackmore 6-10-0 ... S Curran (7) 95
411 2P0234- WEETMANS WAGON 389 (D,G,S) (Ed Weetman Ltd) B McMahon 7-10-0 ... Gary Lyons 81

Long handicap: Arsonist 9-9, Weetmans Wagon 9-8.

BETTING: 3-1 Shu Fly, 5-1 Midfielder, Olveston, 6-1 Star Season, 8-1 Trimlough, 10-1 Peace King, 12-1 Lissahane Lad, 14-1 others.

1990: AMBASSADOR 7-11-10 P Scudamore (5-1) M Pipe 6 ran

4.5 ALPINE MEADOW HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,572: 3m) (15 runners)

501 321313 LEADING ROLE 9 (S) (Miss H Bisgrove) M Pipe 7-12-0 ... P Scudamore 94
502 F5/110-4 PIPERS COPSE 50 (G,S) (Mrs P Locke) G Harwood 9-11-11 ... M Perrett 85
503 131/3-0P CHEMIST BROKER 11 (D,F,G,S) (Food Brokers Ltd) R Akehurst 11-10-6 ... L Harvey ● 99
504 0010-60 THEO'S FELLA 9 (G) (T Waddington (UK) Ltd) G Balding 7-10-2 ... S Hodgson) 88
505 500002 ALPHASONIC 12 (B,CD,F,S) (S Bell) K Bailey 7-10-2 ... — 94
506 21112-5 CARPET CAPERS 14 (F,G,S) (Mrs B Rankin) J Fitch-Heyes 7-10-1 ... I Shoemark (3) 91
507 F-11215 YELLOW SPRING 40 (F,S) (Lady Harmsworth-Blunt) D Grissell 6-10-1 ... H Davies 92
508 03225F GOLD CAP 31 (G Meadows) P Hobbs 6-10-0 ... C Maude (3) —
509 13P-504 DAT TRAIN 11 (G,S) (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-0 ... M Bowlby 87
510 1U32-80 ARISTOS 91 (S) (A J & R G Barber Ltd) J Old 7-10-0 ... R Dunwoody 89
511 000160 RECORD FLIGHT 12 (C,F,S) (F Crumpler) G Ham 7-10-0 ... N Mann 95
512 U831F3 SHAH'S CHOICE 12 (CD,F,S) (A Skidmore) C Popham 8-10-0 ... — 93
513 02P56-6 LORD TORENAGA 22 (S) (C Pilkington) Miss H Knight 8-10-0 ... B Dowling 84
514 50-3U51 PRINCE KLENK 12 (D,F,G,S) (J Stone) A Dawson 10-10-0 ... Candy Morris 77
515 5P6P48 BORDER OAK 19 (F) (I Pearson) J Charlton 9-10-0 ... J O'Gorman (3) 51

Long handicap: Dat Train 9-13, Aristos 9-11, Record Flight 9-8, Shah's Choice 9-7, Lord Torenaga 9-7, Prince Klenk 8-12, Border Oak 7-7.

BETTING: 3-1 Pipers Copse, 7-2 Leading Role, 5-1 Yellow Spring, Gold Cap, 6-1 Alphasonic, 10-1 Theo's Fella, 12-1 Lord Torenaga, 14-1 others

1990: PICADOR 6-10-6 Peter Hobbs (5-1) P Hobbs 11 ran

4.40 MAHONIA HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £3,785: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

601 U1325-1 JOHN SAM 18 (F,S) (G Penfold) G Penfold 10-12-8 ... A Farrant (7) 91
602 22/21-12 KING NEON 22 (D,BF,F,G,S) (G Cook) G Cook 11-12-8 ... M Armytage 90
603 1-11 MOUNT ARGUS 11 (F,G,S) (Mrs H Clarke) Mrs H Clarke 9-12-8 ... S Brookshaw 91
604 41-P SKERRY MEADOW 37 (G) (O Carter) O Carter 7-12-4 ... I Widdicombe (7) 65
605 0513P-4 SUMMONS 18 (D,F,G,S) (Miss A Embiricos) Miss A Embiricos 12-12-4 Miss A Embiricos (7) 97
606 0//1-420 WELLINGTON BROWN 30 (F) (J Vail) J Vail 7-12-4 ... H Rowsell (7) ● 99
607 3U4/-P56 AHERLOW 25 (BF,G,S) (K Hollowell) K Hollowell 11-12-0 ... K Hollowell (7) 94
608 6-22004 DR JEKYLL 171 (M Steinberg) T Thomson Jones 6-12-0 ... J Durkan (5) 80
609 P TANAGHMORE LAD 29 (Mrs J Fogarty) P Hedger 10-12-0 ... L Fogarty (7) —
610 4- WHITE CITY BOY 378 (Major M Watson) M Watson 10-12-0 ... Maj M Watson (7) 74
611 046/3-U0 WHITERIVER GROVE 18 (F,G) (Mrs G Holmes) Mrs G Holmes 11-12-0 ... Mrs G Russell Holmes —

BETTING: 2-1 Mount Argus, 11-4 John Sam, 4-1 Wellington Brown, 9-2 King Neon, 7-1 Summons, 14-1 White City Boy, 25-1 others.

1990: BUCKHORN 11-11-7 Mr R Buckler (12-1) R Buckler 7 ran

5.15 EBF WILD BOAR NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £2,716: 2m) (21 runners)

1 ARTIFICER (Mrs A Galvanoni) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-6 ... J Clarke (7) —
2 60 CHARTERFORHARDWARE 35 (Charter Racing Ltd) M Pipe 5-11-6 ... D Richmond (7) —
3 DRAGONS DEN (Mrs C Heath) S Sherwood 5-11-6 ... A S Smith (5) —
4 0 HUNTING DIARY 21 (Mrs H Bare) G Balding 5-11-6 ... — —
5 0 MAGIC'S SON 21 (Mrs E Moran) C C Elsey 6-11-6 ... P Holley —
6 5 MOUNTAIN MASTER 21 (C Brasher) N Henderson 5-11-6 ... J Kavanagh (3) —
7 4 MR JAMBOREE 21 (T Holland-Martin) R Johnson Houghton 5-11-6 Mr G Johnson Houghton —
8 0 PONENTINO 168 (Mrs P Starkey) T Thomson Jones 5-11-6 ... P Barnard (3) —
9 0 WHY 35 (Mrs G Meacham) F Jordan 5-11-6 ... J Lodder —
10 HANDY WIN (E Beever) E Beever 6-11-1 ... M Hoad —
11 CURRENT EXPRESS (Lord Matthews) Miss S Hall 4-11-0 ... R Hodge (7) —
12 0 SAFFRON'S HEIR 21 (M Edgington) T Naughton 4-11-0 ... R Martin (7) —
13 0 SOLE PAINTER 11 (K Bailey) K Bailey 4-11-0 ... Mrs T Bailey —
14 THE JET SET (A Mines) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0 ... M Pell (7) —
15 TURF RUN (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0 ... J Leech (3) —
16 WELLY SLIBBY (Lord Harrington) Miss H Knight 4-11-0 ... G Upton (3) —
17 0 DIAMOND BEBE 21 (Miss S Stokes) P Mitchell 4-10-9 ... T Pinfield (5) —
18 GINA-DIANE (R Hawthorn) S Dow 4-10-9 ... A Dicklin (7) —
19 POLLY MINOR (A Ashford) G Enright 4-10-9 ... R Moore (7) —
20 0 TRUE MEASURE 21 (J Window) G Balding 4-10-9 ... A Le Jeune (7) —
21 0 VAIGLY FINE 24 (Miss J Palmer) J Charlton 4-10-9 ... J O'Gorman (3) —

BETTING: 11-4 The Jet Set, 3-1 Mr Jamboree, 6-1 Artificer, Charterforhardware, 8-1 Turf Run, 10-1 Mountain Master, Dragons Den, 12-1 others.

1990: BOLLINGER 4-10-7 G Rowe (5-1) J Gifford 12 ran

5.50 EBF WILD BOAR NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £2,716: 2m) (25 runners)

1 ARCROSS (R Crowe) S Dow 5-11-6 ... A Dicklin (7) —
2 0 BADBURY LAD 35 (C Cowley) J King 5-11-6 ... I Shoemark (3) —
3 BEAR NECESSITIES (R Macauley) M Wilkinson 5-11-6 ... C Maude (3) —
4 00 CHARLY MUTUAL 36 (Mrs J Green) F Jordan 5-11-6 ... J Lodder —
5 5 COASTING 35 (B R B Owners Group) G Balding 5-11-6 ... S Hodgson (5) —
6 0 ERIC'S TRAIN 21 (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-6 ... J Clarke (7) —
7 0 FRED FOR FUN 35 (S Snelling) R Thompson 5-11-6 ... S D Williams (7) —
8 FREIGHT KING (Air Cargo Services) Mrs D Haine 5-11-6 ... C Huggan (7) —
9 HANDSOME NED (J Winter) D Grissell 5-11-6 ... Mrs D Grissell —
10 ROYAL SAXON (Mrs J Peutherer) Miss H Knight 5-11-6 ... G Upton (3) —
11 6 TALBOT 21 (T Dennis) S Sherwood 5-11-6 ... A S Smith (5) —
12 6 TIMURS LUCK 35 (T Caldwell) T Caldwell 5-11-6 ... R Hodge (7) —
13 6 TREGURTHA 21 (W Williams Ltd) D Barons 5-11-6 ... R Greene (5) —
14 ADJARISTAN (F Gamma) R Johnson Houghton 4-11-0 ... Mr G Johnson Houghton —
15 BRAVE BUCCANEER (D Bulk) D Murray Smith 4-11-0 ... P Verling (3) —
16 CHEMIN LE ROI (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0 ... J Leech (3) —
17 FIRST HARVEST (C Bennett) C Broad 4-11-0 ... NON-RUNNER —
18 0 GETAWAY BLAKE 49 (J Cheney) T Jones 4-11-0 ... Mr C Burnett Wells (7) —
19 HAZEL CREST (A Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-0 ... W Dwan (7) —
20 0 NORTHERN SADDLER 56 (R Evans) R Hodges 4-11-0 ... A Tory —
21 0 PLATINUM REBEL 36 (S Ramsey) J Charlton 4-11-0 ... J O'Gorman (3) —
22 5 ROCCO 11 (L'Uomo Menswear Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0 ... M Pell (7) —
23 ROCKY ROMANCE (Mrs S McGarvie) R Curtis 4-11-0 ... S Mason (7) —
24 0 MOHELI 21 (B Davies) R Holder 4-10-9 ... N Mann —
25 0 STRONG ATTRACTION 11 (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 4-10-9 ... Mr G Morrow (7) —

BETTING: 7-2 Talbot, 4-1 Coasting, 5-1 Rocco, Eric's Train, 6-1 Tregurtha, 8-1 Chemin Le Roi, 12-1 Timurs Luck, Strong Attraction, 16-1 others.

1990: PIPER'S SON 4-10-11 P Holley (4-1) M Bradstock 13 ran

3.45 HESSLE HANDICAP (£3,616: 5f) (22 runners)

1 (18) 005060- LUCEDEO 182 (CD,F,G) (T Coleman) J Spearing 7-10-0 ... G Husband (5) 91
2 (9) 003000- BARRYS GAMBLE 154 (B,CD,F,S) (Cheshire Ltd) T Fairhurst 5-9-11 ... J Fanning (5) 96
3 (7) 2000-65 ABSOLUTION 12 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (M Hyman) D Chapman 7-9-10 ... D Nicholls 93
4 (10) 40004-0 ACCESS TRAVEL 22 (G,S) (Miss D Williams) R Boss 5-9-9 ... L Dettori 92
5 (15) 000400- RESOLUTE BAY 185 (D,F) (D Buckley) R Whitaker 5-9-8 ... A Culhane 98
6 (1) 120- FIDDLING 332 (D,F) (Mrs R Watson) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-6 ... R Cochrane 87
7 (20) 8343-23 EAGER DEVA 12 (D,F) (P Barrett) R Hollinshead 4-9-4 ... S Perks 94
8 (5) 31640- RANCHO MIRAGE 273 (CD,G) (J Redmond) J Watts 4-9-2 ... Dean McKeown 83
9 (22) 02021-6 PLAYFUL POET 5 (D,S) (P Bourke) M H Easterby 4-9-0 ... M Birch 95
10 (2) 60011-0 THE SHANAHAN BAY 22 (B,BF,CD,F,S) (Mrs A Sanders) E Eldin 6-9-0 ... G Carter 89
11 (19) 3144-01 FARMER JOCK 8 (CD,F,S) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 9-8-12 ... M Roberts ● 99
12 (6) 04420-0 NO QUARTER GIVEN 8 (D,F,G,S) (P Felgate) P Felgate 6-8-10 ... J Lowe 92
13 (8) 45/3040- BREEZY DAY 248 (CD,G) (Mrs J McMahon) B McMahon 5-8-9 ... B Raymond 87
14 (3) 35006-3 SALADAN KNIGHT 24 (CD,F,G) (Mrs A Budge) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-8-9 ... B Raymond 85
15 (11) 001060- WANDA 187 (D,G) (E Mangan) K Burke 4-8-8 ... A Shoults 91
16 (14) 5-35411 HINARI VIDEO 24 (D,G,S) (Mark Johnston Racing Ltd) M Johnston 6-8-2 ... R P Elliott 98
17 (18) 225135- CRAKAFU 263 (D,F,G,S) (Gymcrak Thoroughbred Plc) M H Easterby 5-8-0 ... P Burke 83
18 (12) 300600- DOMINUET 171 (CD,G,S) (Mrs R Heathcote) J Spearing 6-7-12 ... R Fox 92
19 (21) 22551-3 SET THE STANDARDS 10 (B,D,S) (R Aird) J Berry 3-7-9 ... L Charnock 94
20 (17) 000000- SPANISH REALM 217 (CD,F,G,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-7-7 ... S Maloney (5) 84
21 (4) 00223-5 BECKINGHAM BEN 24 (CD,F,G) (H Pickering) J Leigh 7-7-7 ... Kim Tinkler 93
22 (13) 10040-0 THE SINGING MAN 12 (D,F) (B Leach) J Balding 5-7-7 ... A Proud 71

Long handicap: Spanish Realm 7-0, Beckingham Ben 6-9, The Singing Man 6-3.

BETTING: 6-1 Hinari Video, 7-1 Set The Standards, 8-1 Playful Poet, Farmer Jock, 10-1 Eager Deva, Saladan Knight, 12-1 The Shanahan Bay, Lucedeo, 14-1 Barrys Gamble, Absolution, Fiddling, Beckingham Ben, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.15 BYGOT WOOD HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,101: 7f 110yd) (18 runners)

1 (5) 511000- BROWN FAIRY 185 (D,F,G) (Mrs P White) Mrs N Macauley 9-7 ... R Cochrane 89
2 (1) 04050-4 ASTRAL'S DELIGHT 12 (F) (Heathavon Stables Ltd) J Berry 9-5 ... J Murray 85
3 (14) 200-4 JOLI'S GREAT 9 (Enterprise Markets Ltd) M Ryan 9-1 ... G Carter 96
4 (10) 53-605 JUBILATA 5 (Mrs H Wane) K McCauley 9-0 ... L Charnock 91
5 (18) 00-0 SOVEREIGN NICHE 14 (Mrs H Meslon) Mrs J Ramsden 8-13 ... M McAndrew —
6 (2) 20-0 LOCAL DEALER 14 (B) (A Stringer) A Stringer 8-13 ... M Wood 92
7 (16) 00-5 HIGH KICKING 14 (J Redmond) J Watts 8-13 ... Dean McKeown 85
8 (7) 0336-33 GREY RECORD 12 (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-13 ... S Maloney (5) 88
9 (3) 100000- EAST BARNS 166 (D,F) (J Boland) J Wainwright 8-11 ... G Parkin (7) 88
10 (15) 150-000 WILD PROSPECT 14 (G) (G Dyson) C Tinkler 8-11 ... M Birch 93
11 (8) 26000-0 DREAMS EYES 14 (D Riley) R Bastiman 8-7 ... H Bastiman (7) 97
12 (12) 0-66 MIDNIGHT SAGA 56 (Lady Henrietta St. George) M Prescott 8-6 ... C Nutter —
13 (13) 50-4 B GREAT 12 (Mustard Partners) K McCauley 8-4 ... A Proud —
14 (9) 500- COLWAY PRINCE 164 (R Coleman) A Stringer 8-3 ... K Fallon —
15 (4) 621-440 PING PONG 38 (T Fairhurst) T Fairhurst 8-3 ... J Fanning (5) ● 99
16 (11) 443305- BELLTINA 229 (Mrs M Lingwood) B Murray 8-1 ... M Roberts 84
17 (17) 00-1040 BROUGHTON BLUES 12 (D) (Broughton Insulation) W Musson 7-12 ... A Shoults 97
18 (6) 040-800 ANGEL TRAIN 10 (B,F,G) (J Myers) J Parkes 7-9 ... J Lowe 98

BETTING: 9-2 Astral's Delight, 5-1 Joli's Great, 6-1 High Kicking, 7-1 Ping Pong, 8-1 Broughton Blues, 10-1 Sovereign Niche, 12-1 Belltina, Local Dealer, Dreams Eyes, 14-1 Jubilata, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.45 LAMWORTH MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,564: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

1 (1) BOROCAY (Mrs S Camacho) M Camacho 9-0 ... S Morris —
2 (9) 064-6 BUCARO BOY 11 (G Bush) W G M Turner 9-0 ... M Roberts 88
3 (7) 54- CRUISE PARTY 170 (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) W Jarvis 9-0 ... B Raymond 97
4 (3) 0- FAMILY LINE 170 (Lord Matthews) M Camacho 9-0 ... N Connorton 90
5 (11) 006000- LITTLE CONKER 144 (The Little Conker Branch) A Smith 9-0 ... S Webster 58
6 (5) MAJOR BOLD (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 ... K Fallon —
7 (4) 4- TORPEDOS LOS 166 (S Niarchos) H Cecil 9-0 ... A McGlone 85
8 (2) 5- ULURU 165 (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0 ... M Hills 85
9 (12) BLUE INFANTA (Miss L Thompson & K Andrews) J Fanshawe 8-9 ... P Hutton (5) —
10 (10) 4 CAVIAR QUEEN 12 (Amity Finance Ltd) C Cyzer 8-9 ... A Clark 97
11 (6) 42- STOP PRESS 178 (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 8-9 ... R Cochrane ● 99
12 (8) TENDER VISION (C Wilson) R Whitaker 8-9 ... A Culhane —

BETTING: 7-4 Stop Press, 3-1 Torpedos Los, 4-1 Uluru, 8-1 Caviar Queen, 10-1 Cruise Party, 14-1 Blue Infanta, Family Line, 16-1 others.

1990: AL KHOBAR 9-0 A Munro (3-1) P Cole 5 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	21	41	51.2	L Dettori	6	17	35.3
M Stoute	16	67	23.9	R Cochrane	18	100	18.0
B Hills	10	42	23.8	A Clark	8	50	16.0
W Musson	3	15	20.0	B Raymond	10	70	14.3
R Boss	6	34	17.6	S Maloney	4	28	14.3
Mrs J Ramsden	5	31	16.1	M Hills	9	63	14.3

Not including yesterday's results

Arsenal replay a winning formula

As Arsenal edge closer to emulating the club's double-winning team of 1970-71, **Peter Ball** talks to Bertie Mee, the manager who inspired that success

DES JENSON

Great names from a glorious past: Mee stands alongside the statue of an earlier Arsenal manager, Herbert Chapman, inside Highbury

Even with an eight-point lead, George Graham is *still* refusing to take the Barclays League championship for granted. If Arsenal beat Tottenham Hotspur at Wembley in the FA Cup semi-finals tomorrow, most other people will be convinced that they will do the double for the second time this century.

After 15 years of Liverpool, it marks the return of a very different footballing tradition to the commanding heights of the English game – one best exemplified by the earlier Arsenal team that did the double under Bertie Mee in 1970-1.

There are, of course, differences, not least in the depth of quality of the opposition, a factor which undoubtedly influenced Mee, now a Watford director, when he was asked to compare the sides. Of the present squad, who would he have picked for his team?

"Anders Limpar is one of those players who can turn a game," he said, after long pause for thought. "He has tremendous flair, but is a team player as well. We didn't have a player like that.

"I think David Seaman is outstanding, and a great stabilising influence as a personality too, but Bob Wilson didn't make a mistake all season in the double year.

"Frank McLintock was a great captain, a great leader. Adams might become that, but at the moment, he hasn't the experience or the maturity. Smith and Merson are very good players, but you would have to go a long way to find a better front pair than Radford and Kennedy.

"So I would take Limpar, although not at the expense of George Armstrong, who used to be the first name I wrote on my teamsheet. I'd probably take David O'Leary, although he is at the end now, so perhaps not at this stage. The goalkeepers are 50-50."

Yet if Mee's preferences, and loyalty, for the moment tilt the balance towards his more-experienced side, the present team undoubtedly has more eye-catching qualities to enthuse the neutral observer.

Limpar, Davis, Merson, Thomas and, in recent weeks, the exciting young Campbell are more influential in giving the team its tone than Graham and Charlie George were in a hard-working team epitomised by the driving leadership of Frank McLintock, if not that cold-eyed ball-winner, Peter Storey. Tactically too, the present side has more immediate appeal. "We were a bit predictable," Mee conceded.

In contrast, Graham has revealed an almost continental taste for varying his team's formation, and indeed deployment of personnel, depending on the opposition. At Sheffield a week ago, Arsenal played effectively a 4-2-4 system; on other occasions, they play 4-4-2 or employ a sweeper.

However, those are superficial differences. At its heart, this team too is direct, hitting the under-rated Alan Smith early and building from there, just as Wimbledon hit long balls to John Fashanu, as Dave Bassett constantly points out, and just as Mee's side used to hit Radford and Kennedy.

And if their tactics are similar, so is the ethos of two teams built around home-produced players.

"It is much better to have your own players," Mee said. "They've known each other since school, they've grown up together, shared digs together, they know one another's strengths and weaknesses, and it's their club, their home where they are secure and supported. It produces much greater identification."

That togetherness, which has been one of the team's great strengths, if occasionally leading them over the brink, was equally visible in the double side.

"The chemistry is very similar," Mee said. "You need perhaps one or two flair players, but, by and large, to win things, you have to have a high proportion of winners in your team, people who want to go out and win whatever the conditions. It was the philosophy one inculcated. You have got to get the chemistry right of individuals and of the team."

Mee went on: "We said that the joy for us is not going to be in the game, it is going to be in the result. You are going to have to play on frozen pitches — or now plastic pitches — you are going to have to play against teams who spend the game harassing you, but if you want to win things, you have to cope with that and go out and win against it.

"You cannot dictate the state of the ground, you cannot do anything about the decisions referees are going to make, or about sides who won't let you play. That is all part and parcel of the game, and you have to accept that.

"The game is going to be a war of attrition and we accepted that and *said that the joy is in winning, not* the game."

Those are the sentiments of the puritan ethic, which undoubtedly underpinned Mee's Arsenal side. There is much that is good in puritanism, much that is good in the values Arsenal have embodied: but there is another side to those puritan values — football is still only a game; too often Arsenal look as if they are going to war.

After the fracas at Old Trafford, Duncan McKenzie, a very talented player who embodied a distinctly cavalier approach to the game — and won nothing, as Mee pointed out — suggested that the Arsenal team was too tense, too taut, like a highly-trained army unit wound up for action, and as a result only a hairsbreadth away from illegality. The analogy was telling.

"If there is a certain tenseness, I can understand it, but I would [illegible] defend it," Mee said. "But let's have a look in two years' time, when they've achieved more. I go back to our old enemies, Leeds. In 1969-71, they had a very hard, competitive edge, and unfortunately an approach that rules were there to be *exploited rather than obeyed.*

"But in 1972-4, that side was superior to any we have seen since. When you talk about the ability to play it around, they were a great side, at least comparable to Liverpool at any time over the last ten years. But it took time to happen."

If Arsenal are indeed going to be the team of the Nineties, it would be nice to think that Mee is right, and that they will develop as Leeds did. With the burgeoning talents of Merson and Campbell to support Limpar, Davis and Smith, there must be hope in that direction.

Yet, for the moment, the representative figure of the side is the captain, Adams, whose face distorts into a snarl revealing the tension rather than the joy of combat, even in moments of triumph, the face of the soldier in action rather than a [illegible]

Where body fitness is an end itself

LAURIE THOMPSON

Here are some quotations from a pamphlet which lists the rules for a sporting competition that took place last Sunday. I invite cursory guesses as to what this sport might have been. "Air Jacks are not allowed." "Can-can kicks are not acceptable." "Fancy dress will not be allowed; neither should any part of the clothing be discarded during the routine." "Ballistic bouncing in any position will not be acceptable." "The body should be free from oils and any dangling jewellery." "Thong leotards should not be worn with flesh coloured tights."

These quotations come from the rules for the British national aerobic championships. Yes, aerobics is now officially a sport, not just a phenomenom about which improbably fit women over 50 make videos and money. In this, its third year, the competition took place in Bournemouth, dear old Bournemouth, a place that I *had not visited since the* days when my father would insist on leaving home in Bedfordshire at 4am in order to be at the Royal Bath Hotel in time for a lunch into which everybody would then fall asleep. How could I have envisaged that, 20 years on, I would return to this place in order to write about an aerobics competition?

In those days, aerobic was the opposite of anaerobic and it was something one learnt about in biology. In those days, Jane Fonda ate doughnuts, and Diana Moran had not yet ascended to Mount Olympus, there to be defied as The Green Goddess. In those days, one had Keep Fit with Eileen Fowler to which one wore all-encompassing black leotards. But then (and I quote from myself, because I am frankly amazed that I was ever capable of writing this sentence) "fitness floated *itself on the stock exchange* that was the 1980s".

The 1980s marketed everything but fit- [illegible] greatest success in that it really did change people's lives. Even those who gave up "aerobics" after one class, during which they died and came back to life to find themselves still wearing legwarmers and a headband, probably now own a tracksuit and Reeboks and eat Mighty White bread with added fibre. And four million people still actually do aerobics in Britain. Four million practitioners plus about 40 million imagistically interested parties: surely aerobics is entitled to a competitive championship?

What to wear to it, that was all that was exercising me. John Regis Dangerman suit? Lycra romper suit in David Icke turquoise (formerly Linford Christie turquoise)? Top of the range Reeboks *which not only* cushion one's feet but contain a portable phone in the sole capable of calculating its own tax bill? Perhaps I should go the other way — tweedy Miss Marple suit with a jacket which opens to reveal 200 Senior Service, a hipflask and a Curly-Wurly?

About half the audience wore the normal amount of fitness apparel. Like most people in Britain under th age of 30, they had be insidiously infiltrated by t fitness industry; the conce of fitness had become a pa of their lives and therefo they wanted to see it ma high-toned flesh. The oth half of the audience ma Linford Christie look li John Major. They remind me of the people who us to teach me dancing (between visits to Pineapp dance studio), having they did an air of superiori born of self-discipline pl an air of the stage school; t tilted chin, the bright, unse ing, "I've just failed audition for *Starlight E press*" eyes, the hig bouncy ponytail, the sel conscious "I can do t splits" physicality.

Most of the compe itors were also this breed. One f their role models to Rosemarie Ford (Bruce Fo syth's dancing partner o *The Generation Game* Scott Sherrin (the blac dancer/presenter on *That Life*) and Madonna.

In other words, the ge eral effect was not *sport* especially when the presen ers of the competition cam out on to the stage (ye stage), started lashing the microphone leads and ba tering like Bob Hope an Brooke Shields hosting a Oscars ceremony. In b tween yelps of laughter, the shouted wisely to each oth about "degrees exercisiology".

It was clear that beneath their disguises of energeti carefreeness everybody was very earnest, which was th one thing that I was findin it impossible to be. Strappe up with lycra, the compet itors gave to us a two minute routine durin which they demonstrate their ability to do press-ups *kicks*, star jumps and sit ups; things which even I ca do, though perhaps no [illegible] and shining in a gold bik with cycling shorts attach ment. An early competito emerged brightly and too up her opening stance, sim lar to that adopted by wicketkeeper, while for fi fatal seconds her music le her stranded and straddle Her smile twinkled o regardless.

On and off they bounce separately, in pairs, threes: the only thing I cou have judged them on w levels of personal spar liness. This was not spo neither was it aesthet chiefly because, despite th perfection, the bodies w too self-conscious to attractive. The fitness of t body was an end in its The competitors lacked t further purpose of a spor man, who is incidentally because he is pursuing a go *for which fitness is ne* essary. Fitness as its ow goal is fine, but it is not sport because it is a physic condition, not a physic action.

I should just add that t European aerobics cham ionship is being televised Eurosport, and that t whole event is absolute perfect for this channe Make of that what you wi

FA accepts European final venue

By a CORRESPONDENT

THE Football Association has decided not to ask Uefa, European football's governing body, to switch the venue of the European Cup Winners' Cup final from Rotterdam. Despite mounting pressure from bodies concerned with crowd control, the FA insists that the 48,000-capacity Feyenoord stadium will be sufficient.

Adrian Titcombe, the FA's head of competitions and regulations, said: "Although we were worried about complications with the Rotterdam final and we think Uefa could have chosen a larger stadium, we will not be asking for a change."

All clubs in Europe will be allowed to field at least five foreign players in league matches next year. Uefa has worked out a deal with the EC to prevent possible cases in the European Court of Justice when the Treaty of Rome, allowing free movement of workers within the Community, comes *into effect in* 1992.

☐ Steve Powell was yesterday dismissed as manager of Burton Albion.

Atkinson's main priority is a return to first division

By CLIVE WHITE

ON A weekend when emotions are naturally governed by cup euphoria, Ron Atkinson, the manager of a club with a dual objective, gave a sober assessment of his personal aims when he said that Sheffield Wednesday's match today against Middlesbrough was more *im*portant than the Rumbelows Cup final which Wednesday contest on April 21.

The Wednesday manager regards Middlesbrough, who are five points behind in fifth place, and Millwall, two points back, as the most serious threats to his team's automatic promotion position of third place. Both sides, *though*, have played two more games than Wednesday.

"Hand on heart," he said, "if I had to choose between winning the cup and beating Millwall and Middlesbrough I'd choose the League games."

Should Wednesday falter at Hillsborough, as they have been inclined to do this season, Millwall, who go to Sheffield on May 4, could sweep past them. Millwall take on a Port Vale side possibly without Aspin and Glover, its two experienced centre backs, at The Den. They could prove to be costly absentees against Sheringham, the League's leading marksman with 33 goals.

Brighton's match at home to Notts County is another of those games popularly described as "six-pointers" with both teams nurturing hopes of promotion, by the play-off route if necessary.

Brighton , not surprisingly, are unchanged after their well-earned 1-0 victory over West Ham United on Wednesday. Brighton, who have made the most of the three-point win bonus this season, will be aiming for will be seeking their twelfth League success at the Goldstone Ground.

On the weekend when Arsenal hope to take a significant step towards the double, Liverpool could be put out of their misery by Leeds United at Elland Road. Defeat would almost certainly spell the end of their last slender hopes to retain the championship, trailing Arsenal as they do by eight points, if with a game in hand.

Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, did not go along with that line of thought yesterday, saying: "Reports of Liverpool's death are greatly exaggerated. They have escaped from more coffins than Harry Houdini. They have set such high standards down the years that when they fall below those standards people begin to talk about a crisis.

"I am experienced enough to take no notice at all. Under normal circumstances, the points they have gained would be sufficient to put them on top of the first division but Arsenal's defensive record this season has been exceptional. Liverpool are never more dangerous than when people are dismissing them. It is only two years ago that they were being acclaimed as the finest team in world football."

☐ Kevin Beattie, the former Ipswich Town and England player, has been released from hospital after emergency surgery last month when he was taken ill with pancreatitis.

☐ German supporters plan to protest against all-seat safety guidelines by leaving the stadiums during the first half of today's Bundesliga games (Reuter reports).

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

First division

Coventry v Derby
Derby, 16 games without a win, wait on the fitness of Wright, who has a calf strain. Coventry should be unchanged.

C Palace v Aston Villa
Gray is ruled out of the Palace team with damaged knee ligaments and Pardew takes his place. Spink and Mountfield could return.

Everton v Chelsea
Everton drop McDonald and Hinchcliffe, and recall Ebbrell, Keown, Newell, and Sheedy. Dixon and Dorigo are recalled by Chelsea.

Leeds v Liverpool
Strachan's recovery from a groin strain remains in doubt, but Leeds may restore Fairclough. Harkness, aged 19, signed from Carlisle for £75,000 two years ago, is included in the Liverpool squad. Ablett is suspended.

Luton v Wimbledon
Scales stands by to deputise for Curle. Rodger is Luton's only serious doubt.

QPR v Sheffield U
Rangers should be unchanged. With Hodges under suspension, Agana is poised to return for Sheffield.

Soton v Sunderland
Gabbiadini is likely to return after an absence of four weeks. Southampton are optimistic that Case and Horne will recover from injuries.

Second division

Brighton v Notts Co
If O'Riordan fails to recover from concussion, County could play Davis, on loan from Southampton, or Paris at left back. Brighton are unchanged.

Bristol City v Barnsley
Taggart looks ready to return for Barnsley after missing nine games with a hamstring injury.

Millwall v Port Vale
Vale may have to take on Sheringham, the League's leading goalscorer, without Aspin and Glover, their two experienced but injured centre backs.

Newcastle v Oldham
Marshall, is ready to return for Oldham after missing the last 10 games. If Newcastle decide that Brock is unfit, either Watson or Makel will deputise.

Sheff Wed v Middlesbro
Pearson will return for Wednesday if he passes a fitness test. Middlesbrough trust that Hendrie will be fit.

Tomorrow

Arsenal v Tottenham
Gascoigne seems certain to return for Tottenham 34 days after a stomach operation, but not Howells, recovered from surgery for a broken jaw and a damaged knee. Arsenal may recall O'Leary as a third centre back.

Nottm Forest v W Ham
Jemson, Crosby and Wilson came through a reserve match on Thursday with no ill-effects, but Laws sustained a foot injury. Hodge, who has missed 11 games, has an outside chance of playing. West Ham wait on the fitness of Gale but have Morley and Stewart back.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan injuries taking toll

By KEITH MACKLIN

IT WILL be a remarkable irony if, after another season devoid of success east of the Pennines, Yorkshire clubs decide the outcome of the Stones Bitter championship.

Bradford Northern spoilt the Wigan party and prevented them claiming the trophy with their battling 18-18 draw at *Central Park on Thursday.*

Today Wigan go to Headingley, where **Leeds** could throw the whole issue into the melting pot by beating their injury-ravaged, worn-out squad. Widnes would then have a chance to take the champ-

Leading positions

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	25	19	2	4	632	305	40
Widnes	25	19	0	6	591	320	38
Hull	25	17	0	8	499	348	34
Castleford	25	16	0	9	550	432	32
Leeds	25	14	2	9	594	428	30

ionship tomorrow, when they play **Rochdale Hornets**.

Wigan will be without Iro and *Lydon at Leeds, and there are* serious doubts about Gregory and Edwards, the half backs. They could be made to struggle for the draw or win they need by a Leeds side which still has a chance of making the top four in the premiership play-offs.

If Leeds win, Widnes will need to score 40 or 50 points against Hornets, the bottom club, which has already conceded more than 70 points in home games against Wigan and Castleford this season.

Elsewhere **Warrington** and **Featherstone Rovers** battle it out for eighth place in the premiership, with Featherstone at **Bradford** and Warrington at *St Helens*.

In the second division, **Swinton** will clinch the final promotion place if they win at home to **Huddersfield**. Lower down the table **Fulham, Carlisle** and **Doncaster** battle it out for the last two premiership places.

HOCKEY

Hounslow face crucial matches

AMONG several clubs trying for the last two places in the Poundstretcher League Cup semi-finals is Hounslow, along with East Grinstead, Stourport, Old Loughtonians and Southgate (Sydney Friskin writes). Havant and Indian Gymkhana have already qualified.

From their two remaining matches against Slough today and Gymkhana tomorrow Hounslow need three points to be safe. Southgate, who have completed their fixtures, have to watch what their rivals do. East Grinstead are opposed by Stourport and Old Loughtonians are at home to Welton.

East Grinstead will need to beat Stourport to have a chance of qualifying. The semi-finals will be played next Sunday and the final on May 26 at Milton Keynes.

Firebrands played their last match in the second division against Warrington tomorrow and seem most likely to join Bournville, Trojans and Lyons in the first division next season.

Des Betts, of Harborne, with a total of *19 goals*, has a good chance of winning the prize for the league's top scorer, but Robert Thompson, of Hounslow, who is five goals behind has, with two matches to play, a chance of superseding him.

SWIMMING

Deakins is denied by world record

A WORLD record by Dagmar Hase, of Germany, stood between Joanne Deakins, of Gloucester City, and the women's title at the end of a World Cup season dominated by backstroke swimmers who rewrote the record books after a change in rules (Craig Lord writes).

Deakins lowered the Commonwealth record at 200 metres backstroke three times in the same number of weeks — at Milan, Bonn and, on Tuesday, at Victoria, Canada, where she clocked 2min 10.17sec when coming second to Hase, who set a world record of 2min 7.74sec

A tired Hase then lost the 50 metres to her countrywoman, Anja Eichhorst, leaving Deakins third overall on the World Cup rankings. Had she won the 200 metres, the Briton would have collected the title.

Mark Tewksbury, of the Calgary Dinosaurs, also used the new rule to great effect: he won the World Cup backstroke title at the end of a season in which he broke five world records.

WORLD CUP WINNERS AND BEST BRITISH: Men: Sprint freestyle: A Popov (USSR). **Distance freestyle:** U Dassler (Ger); 2, I Wilson (GB); **backstroke:** M Tewksbury (Can). **Breaststroke:** D Volkov (USSR). **Butterfly:** M Gery (Can). **Medley:** J Hladky (Ger). **Women: Sprint freestyle:** S Osygus (Ger). **Distance freestyle:** C Sossi (Ita). **Backstroke:** D Hase (Ger); 2, J Deakins (GB). **Breaststroke:** P Hartung (Ger). **Butterfly:** C Sievert (Ger). **Medley:** N Sweetnam (Can).

For Sue Barker read Cue Barker

By KEN LAWRENCE

PERT and pretty, she came up from Devon with the nation's hopes resting on her shoulders. It was one of the classic "Britain expects . . ." situations. Sue Barker was the girl they hoped, thought and even demanded would take over from Virginia Wade, win Wimbledon and make us all feel good throughout the Seventies.

On Monday, still pert, still pretty, *still pencil-slim and — for* six more days, anyway — still only 34, she starts a new career which may again see a nation held captive as it watches the television set.

For Barker is to be the daytime presenter of the "new" channel, Sky Sports, which is basically the old BSB station revamped by Sky for a much wider audience. If all the bruising arguments over satellite use can be concluded by Monday, Sky Sports will go out on that day via the Astra; if not it — and Barker — will be seen only by those who receive through the Marco Polo satellite until the battles are resolved.

She admits to being "a bit nervous — going out live is like going out on to the centre court at Wimbledon" but expects that, like playing before expectant crowds on the major courts, "the more you do it, the more relaxed you become".

Yesterday, at the Hammersmith nerve centre from which she will operate, she was hard at rehearsal. Barker went to lunch with Dave Hill, Sky's head of sport, in March to be told that the programme on tennis she had been expecting to do had fallen through. "Then, before the main course even, he bounced this on me."

For three years, Barker has been providing expert analysis on tennis for Eurosport, BSB and in Australia. "But this will be much more of a challenge and I am really looking forward to it."

Now in her third year of marriage to a detective and living in Walton-on-Thames, Barker has been preparing herself by reading the sports p of all the newspapers and get her husband, Lance Tankar count down introductions her.

"Luckily, I love all sport, American football, soc athletics, yes, and cricket. I mad about it. You can ask any question you like ab cricket." She laughs.

She "plays at" golf. "I h never had a handicap but all family play it and I still go do to the driving range to hit a balls." We talk of her tenni winning junior Wimbledo 15 and of being the girl f whom everyone expected much.

There is a slight but pressive shrug of the should "Yes. I never liked playing grass because of my grip. I the French in 1976 — winning any grand slam tit difficult — and was a Wim don semi-finalist in 1977. highest ranking was No. 3 hind Chris and Martina."

Barker's tennis racket been exchanged for a moun bike. "A wonderful way to the countryside," she enthu

Sky and its viewers are li to find Barker very much own person. She is not interested in the autocue want to be able to say wh wish, not words written dow someone else. Other peop words don't flow, do they?"

SPORT ON TELEVISION

THE WEEK IN VIEW

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: The third day of the Masters from Augusta is live on BBC2 (from 9.15pm) Screensport and the Sports Channel (from 9.0).

TOMORROW: The BBC may not have League football but it has two FA Cup semi-finals on one day. Arsenal and Tottenham meet at Wembley (BBC1 at 11.45am) and Nottingham Forest meet West Ham (3pm). Spare a few moments with the other semi-finals — Millwall v Arsenal and Doncaster v Leasowe in the women's FA Cup (Channel 4, 6pm). The Masters winner will be revealed on BBC2 from 9.10pm and Screensport and the Sports Channel (from 9pm).

MONDAY: The Jersey Open golf highlights can be found on Screensport (10pm) and Sportsworld Extra (ITV, 1am).

TUESDAY: Kirkland Laing, the boxer, on the Sports Channel (8pm) and racing from Newmarket (Channel 4, 2.30pm), with the Abernant Stakes.

WEDNESDAY: Channel 4 racing from Newmarket (2.30pm) has the edge over BBC1 at Cheltenham (from 2pm). If there is an FA Cup semi-final replay, it will be live on the Sports Channel (7.30pm) and covered by Sportsnight (BBC1, 10.20pm).

THURSDAY: Chris Eubank, the holder, meets Gary Stretch, for the WBO middleweight boxing title at Olympia. Screensport (from 8pm) and ITV (from 9pm).

FRIDAY: Golf from St Mellion shares the stage with racing at Newbury (BBC2, from 2pm). West Indies attempt to secure the Test series against Australia, which is live on the Sports Channel (3pm to 6.30pm, 10pm to midnight) with highlights on Eurosport at 1.30am. George Foreman attempts to regain the world heavyweight boxing title against Evander Holyfield on Sky Movies (from 1.30am).

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This was a fascinating exercise. I cannot recall ever before sitting round formally with sporting colleagues to discuss sportsmanship, fair play and the spirit of sport.

The only time that cricketers were asked to address such subjects was at Lord's before setting off on tour when the president of MCC spent a few moments calling on us to be more sharply aware of our responsibility to carry ourselves with dignity and good manners on the field, particularly with regard to umpires. I shall always remember the humorous way the president of the day, Field Marshal Lord Alexander of Tunis, got his message across. He had no shortage of steel and woe betide any player who did not take on board the fact that respect for the umpire and acceptance of his decision with good grace was a fundamental requirement.

For the most part on my early tours, this was carried out to the letter under the management of Geoffrey Howard, Freddie Brown and George Duckworth — all martinets to this ideal. Old soldiers like Bill Edrich, Alec Bedser and Godfrey Evans kept a tight control and gave no quarter at all to anyone who came near to offending.

The alarming message to come out of the consultation at Windsor concerned the youngsters deprived of competitive matches in the schools. Few and far between are those extrovert games masters whose presence and personalities used to dominate the games field. They commanded high standards of technical skills and could be heard four fields away bawling out players who were not putting their back into it or who were behaving badly.

The assembly turned its attention to the image of modern sport as it is paraded through the marvel of television, taking the game at its best and worst into the homes of millions. During the winter it did the heart good to see David Gower's great hundred in Sydney and Devon Malcolm bowling with courage and real fire on an unhelpful pitch.

But it was depressing beyond all measure to see players showing petulance in open dissent of the umpire's decision — and more depressing still when captains and boards of control appeared to be indifferent. There seemed to be an attitude of *laissez faire*, that this was the acceptable norm for today's superstars playing for big money. Cricket, nor any other sport, cannot allow this slide downhill.

In my capacity as the first chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC), I find myself responsible for the way Test cricket is played. At the wish of Test-playing countries and with the approval of the leading players, ICC is to assume greater control from October 1. First, through each country, we shall remind each Test captain of his responsibility under the Laws of the Game, which has sometimes been neglected: "It is the responsibility of *the captains* at all times to see that play is conducted within the *spirit* of the game as well as within the Laws of the game."

In this way we are putting the conduct of a Test match fairly and squarely in the hands of each captain, as it always has been until forgotten in recent years. Second, with the agreement of each country and the approval of leading players, we have introduced a code of conduct for the first time. Every Test match will be overseen by a match referee, who is there to implement the code. He will be a high profile, credible, retired Test cricketer from an independent country and he would have to be acceptable to the two boards involved.

I would count myself lucky if the likes of Peter May, Jackie Hendriks, Clyde Walcott, Sir Richard Hadlee, Sunil Gavaskar, Majid Khan and John Inverarity were available. We shall seek sponsorship to underwrite their costs, just as we are looking for a sponsor for the independent panel of Test umpires.

The captains, cricket managers and umpires will be brought together on the day before the match to exhort the teams towards tough but chivalrous competition and to avoid all the nasties. It will not be for an umpire to take on offenders — he will report to the referee and at the end of the day's play, the referee will dispense cricket's justice promptly, be it a stiff fine or threat of suspension on a repeat offence. This is the way professional golfers have handled their disciplinary problems. It is not envisaged that the referee would ever override an umpire.

Whether this will play a part in removing some of the intent in fast, short-pitched bowling and will make players think more deeply about the unfairness of slow over-rates, remains to be seen. While the bouncer prevails to the extent it does today, putting brute force ahead of skills, the need for the spinner is superfluous. The whole game is searching for a common interpretation of a bouncer and we hope to have a better understanding of over-rates by the time of the ICC's next meeting in July.

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deep extra cover's throat. In fact, he hardly got it off the ground at all, which is fine if you are playing cricket, but not so clever if you are trying to hit the darned thing in the air and in a completely different direction.

Performances like Gower's and his fellow celebrities may be fine for the paying public, but generally speaking they do little to aid the concentration of the professionals during rounds which have taken anything up to five-and-a-half hours.

His presence, it must be said, did no damage to the score handed in by Bill Malley, his partner. The slightly-built American came in with a 68. His total of 137, seven under par, in which he joint-third place, in a group which also includes Anders Sorensen, of Denmark, Brian Marchbank, Sam Torrence and Chris Moody.

They all stand two shots off the pace being set by Jeff Hawkes and Craig Parry, of Australia, on 135, nine under par. In the course of a 65, the joint lowest score of the day, Hawkes had an eagle, six birdies and a solitary bogey while Parry, also 65, went to the turn in 31 with five birdies and had three more and a bogey coming back.

Hawkes is living in the lap of luxury here under the auspices of new sponsors. The firm supply the South African with a large motor home and a £60,000 car as part of a three-year agreement. In return, he plays with their clubs, lounges in the motor home and drives the car. It's a hard life being a professional golfer.

LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 135: J Hawkes (SA), 70, 65; C Parry (Aus), 70, 65. 137: B Marchbank 67, 70; B Malley (US), 69, 68; C Moody, 69, 68; S Torrance, 68, 69. 138: R Chapman, 70, 68; J Rutledge (Can), 71, 68. 139: D Durnian, 69, 70; S Richardson, 73, 66. 140: C Montgomerie 71, 69; G Brand Jr 73, 67; J Spence, 67, 73; R Drummond, 68, 72. 141: B Barnes, 71, 70; P Curry, 68, 73; A Sherborne, 71, 70; M McLean, 72, 69; A Binaghi (It), 72, 69; D Smyth, 71, 70; P Way, 70, 71. 142: E Darcy, [illegible]; R Davis (Aus), [illegible] 143: M Gates, 72, 71; F Nobilo (NZ), 69, 74; P O'Malley (Aus), 69, 74; D Feherty, 71, 72; J Haggerty, 70, 73; M Davis, 72, 71; R McFarlane, 73, 70; P McWhinney (Aus), 66, 77. 144: D Prosser, 70, 74; D Cooper, 72, 72; W Stephens, 73, 71; P Mitchell, 73, 71; P Broadhurst, 72, 72; M Thomas, 72, 72. 145: B Gallacher, 73, 72; J Morgan, 73, 72; W Riley (Aus), 73, 72; C Mason, 71, 74; M Hoegberg (Swe), 72, 73; A Saavedra (Arg), 72, 73; A Forsbrand (Swe), 73, 72; D Silva (Port), 72, 73.

146: D J Russell, 73, 73; D James, 76, 70; P Fowler (Aus), 76, 70. 147: A Chandler, 76, 71; P Parkin, 76, 71; J Hall, 76, 71; D A Russell, 74, 73; D Williams, 75, 72; O Sellberg (Swe), 79, 68. 148: S Bennett, 74, 74; D Clarke, 72, 76; M Mouland, 74, 74; R Claydon, 74, 74; S Bottomley, 73, 75. 150: J Haeggman, 81, 69; T Horton, 75, 75; M Persson (Swe), 78, 72. 151: S Luna (Sp), 75, 76; A Murray, 81, 70. 153: S Tinning (Den), 77, 76. 155: M Miller, 76, 79.

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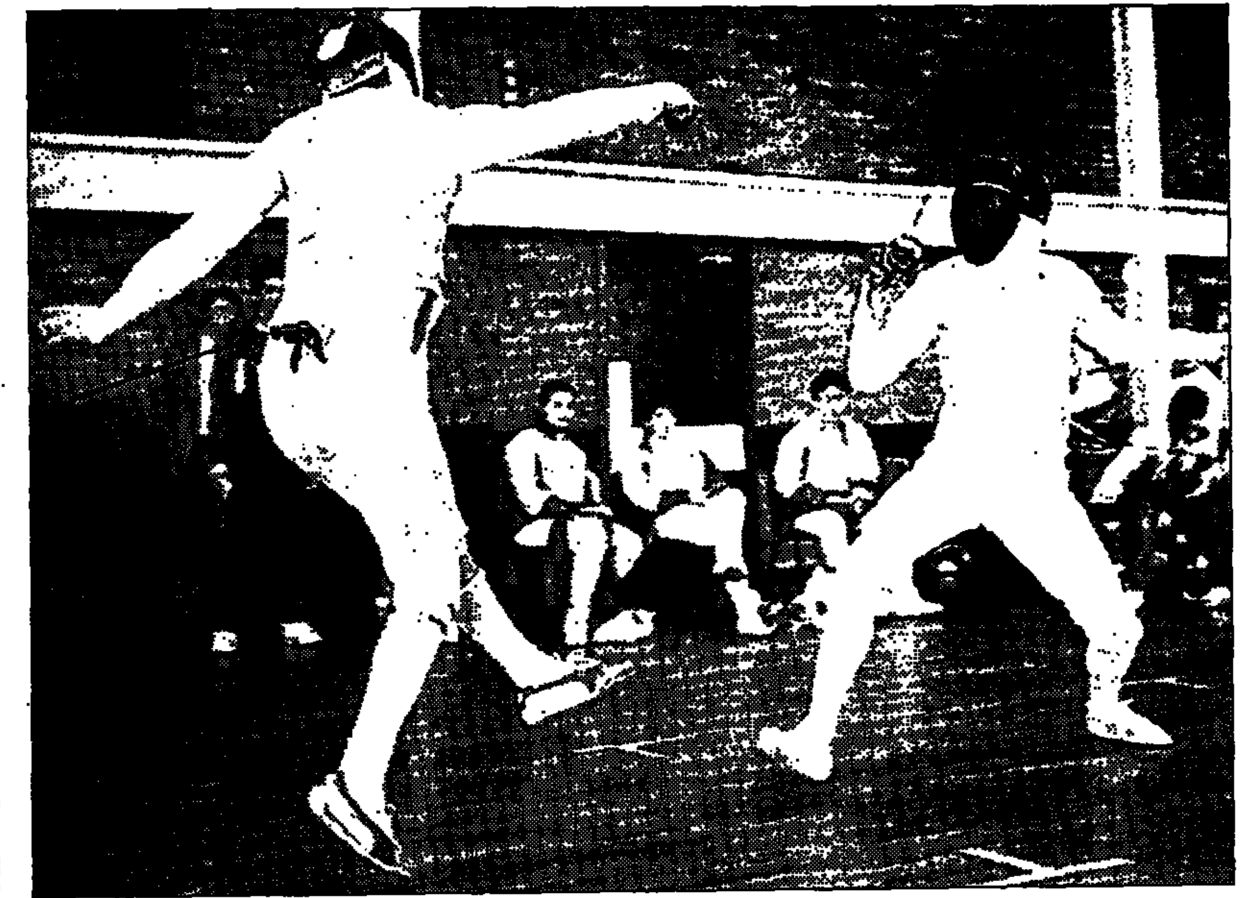

Air strike: John Harvey, Colleges, lunges at Daren Tee, his Polytechnic opponent, in yesterday's fencing

Matthews steals the late show

By MARK HERBERT

UNIVERSITIES emphatically retained their overall championship on the final day of the Endsleigh Festival in Sheffield yesterday. Once again, however, the value of the event lay in the view it offered into national students sport, particularly with places in the World Student Games squads still to be decided.

Endsleigh Insurance, the sponsors, have already committed themselves to continuing the festival next year, probably on a university campus.

Universities finally showed their potential with a 4-3 win over the Colleges at football. David Reddin sidefooted Universities ahead, but goals at the close of the first half by Phil Gallagher and Mark Farmer gave Colleges the lead. Ian Fitzpatrick equalised, Gallagher's second put Colleges in front again but it was left to Rob Matthews, Universities outstanding player, to steal the show with a shot from close range and a header in his side's final attack.

Polytechnics retained both hockey titles impressively. In a women's match of great quality, against Colleges, the champions' victory looked certain only after Sharon Wallwin scored her third goal, and her fifth of the tournament. Julia Robertson also scored for Polytechnics, with Kirsten Spencer and Sarah Thorp replying for Colleges.

The men's match was more open but after Julian Archer put Colleges ahead, the Polytechnics took control. Frank Verhulst equalised from Mahmood Bhatti's sinuous run, David Mayer and David Robbins converted short corners, and Simon Downer sealed a 4-1 victory with a solo goal.

RESULTS: Football: Universities 4, Colleges 3. Basketball: Men: Polytechnics 87, Universities 68. Women: Universities 71, Colleges 44. Fencing: 1, Universities, 7pts; 2, Polytechnics, 1½; 3, Colleges, ½. Hockey: Polytechnics 4, Colleges 1. Women: Polytechnics 4, Colleges 2. Netball: Universities 25, Polytechnics 22; Polytechnics 40, Colleges 29; Colleges v Universities, abandoned. Tennis: 1, Universities, 5pts; 2, Polytechnics, 2½; 3, Colleges, 1½. Volleyball: Women: Universities 2, Colleges 0; Polytechnics 0, Colleges 2; Universities 2, Polytechnics 0. Men: Universities 0, Colleges 2; Polytechnics 0, Universities 2; Polytechnics 2, Colleges 0; Overall: 1, Universities, 47½pts; 2, Polytechnics, 32; 3, Colleges, 11½.

ATHLETICS

Zelezny makes point for Backley

By DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

HOW times have changed. For Emil Zatopek, athletic achievement brought him promotion to colonel in the Czechoslovak army. For his countryman, Lieutenant Jan Zelezny, it has brought no rise in rank, only promotion of a different kind.

Zelezny was the nearest thing to a spoilsport in the coming of Steve Backley last summer. He took away the Briton's world record only 12 days after Backley had gained it. But Backley got it back in half that time, then went on to beat Zelezny to the gold medal at the European championships in Split.

Backley was top of the shopping list for a field events children's development day in Wigan yesterday, but was unavailable because he was in Portugal training for the World Student Games. So Zelezny filled in at the Post Office Counters promotion. The bad news for Backley is that Zelezny believes he can stamp his authority on the event this summer.

He would not go into prospective distances, but said: "I think I will throw surprisingly far." Surprising, that is, to us and Backley, but not to him or Miklos Nemeth, the 1976 Olympic champion who is Zelezny's training adviser.

Far enough, at least, to deny Backley the privilege of being the world's only 90-metre thrower, which he is at the moment. "He has never been in such good shape in the middle of April," Nemeth said of Zelezny.

Nemeth is the name which carried the great javelin controversy on a distant flight through the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) corridors of power before it landed, last September, where he wanted it: Backley and the IAAF technical committee were against the Nemeth model, but the international governing body's council approved it. His javelins will be legal at the world championships in Tokyo this summer.

On the night he lost his world record, Backley said that he had tried the Nemeth once, did not like it but would have to take it more seriously. He was a fast worker. Six days later, at Crystal Palace, Backley was serious enough to pick one up and regain his record.

The development day was for 106 school children aged from 12 to 16. After hearing the theory, they watched the demonstration by the 24-year-old Zelezny. A throw of 84.45 metres was within seven metres of Backley's world record. And that with an Apollo javelin belonging to the local stadium. If only someone had thought to bring along a Nemeth.

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EQUESTRIANISM

Germans set the pace in World Cup final

From JENNY MACARTHUR IN GOTHENBURG

OTTO Becker, of Germany, who is competing in only his second Volvo World Cup final, has gone into the lead here after an inspired round on Optiebeurs Pamina, his Calgary grand prix winner, in the first leg of the three-part final.

Becker's compatriot, Franke Sloothaak, is second on Walzerkoenig, a horse which has returned after a five-month lay-off through injury to jump better than ever. Both riders are trained by Paul Schockemöhle, whose second place on Akrobat in 1982 remains the best performance by a German in a World Cup final.

Britain's John Whitaker, the defending champion, who singled out the two Germans as his main rivals at the start of the competition, is well poised on Henderson Milton in third place, just ahead of Nick Skelton on Alan Paul Grand Slam. Skelton might have finished in front of Whitaker had he not wasted time trying to regain his stirrup at the third fence.

Roland Nilsson's course for the opening leg, a speed competition in which five penalty seconds were added to the final time if a fence was knocked down, was big and technically demanding.

Whitaker was at a disadvantage by going fourth. Unable to see how the course was riding, he produced a superbly-judged clear round in a time of 60.48sec. This set the standard and pressured several top riders into making mistakes.

Surprisingly Whitaker's younger brother, Michael, was among them. He and Henderson Monsanta nearly fell after a bad jump at the second fence. They were never going well and retired after crashing through the second part of the enormous double at the tenth fence.

RESULTS: Volvo World Cup final: First leg: 1, Optiebeurs Pamina (O Becker, Ger), 58.13sec; 2, Optiebeurs Walzerkoenig (F Sloothaak, Ger), 59.31; 3, Henderson Milton (J Whitaker, GB), 60.48; 4, Alan Paul Grand Slam (N Skelton, GB), 60.67; 5, Akai La Belletiere (H Godignon, Fr), 64.09; 6, Baily (D Cheska, US), 64.28. British placings: 31, Ever (T Grubb), 74.03. Henderson Monsanta (M Whitaker), retired; Vital (J Turi), retired.

This weekend's Brigstock horse trials in Northamptonshire have attracted a record number of leading international riders, headed by the New Zealand world champions, Blythe Tait, Mark Todd and Andrew Nicholson and the British world championship silver medal winners Ginny Leng, Ian Stark and Karen Straker (Davina Cannon writes).

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Monarchs favourites

By RICHARD WETHERELL

A CRUCIAL part of the World League of American Football is how teams react on their away trips. New York-New Jersey Knights did not settle on their visit to Europe and returned home, having lost both games. Orlando Thunder have to win tomorrow at Barcelona to avoid a similar fate.

London Monarchs arrived in Alabama late last night for their Monday game against Birmingham Fire. Perhaps for Monarchs, Barcelona Dragons and Frankfurt Galaxy, the trips across the Atlantic will not be as onerous as for the North American-based teams coming the other way. Being almost entirely American they are travelling home, or a close approximation of it. The television channels are numerous, the food is familiar and the portions larger.

Monarchs, who lead the league, enter the game as firm favourites after starting the season with three wins. In contrast to Monarchs, Birmingham Fire have struggled to show much of an offense in their three games.

FIXTURES. Today: Sacramento v Frankfurt, Montreal v New York-New Jersey. Tomorrow: Barcelona v Orlando. Monday: Birmingham v London; Raleigh-Durham v San Antonio

SQUASH RACKETS

More seeds tumble

By COLIN MCQUILLAN

CASSANDRA Jackman, the British junior champion, yesterday comprehensively defeated the eighth seed, Heather Wallace, of Canada, in the Robinsons East of England championship and will now play Liz Irving, of Australia, the second seed, in the quarter-finals.

The seeds have had an unhappy time in Norwich. The men's fourth and eight seeds, Tristan Nancarrow, of Australia and Chris Walker, of England, fell in the first round and yesterday the women's fifth seed, Sharon Bradey, of Australia, went down to Marjolein Houtsma, of The Netherlands, and the seventh seed, Nina Taimiaho, of Finland, lost a five-set match to the much improved American champion, Demer Holleran.

☐ Last minute reshuffles in the preliminary qualifying round of the Hi-Tec British Open at Lambs Club yesterday did not work to the advantage of the young Pakistanis.

The late withdrawal of Christian Wind, of Australia, moved Zubair Jahan Khan, the younger brother of England's Hiddy Jahan, into today's first qualifying round proper, where he will meet Ghous Ur Rehman, a close colleague from the Pakistani junior squad.

YACHTING

Auguin pulling away

CHRISTOPHE Auguin, the French solo yachtsman leading the BOC single-handed round the world race, has finally shaken off the shadow of his closest rival, fellow Frenchman Alain Gautier (Barry Pickthall writes).

Closing to within 2,700 miles of the finish at Newport, Rhode Island, yesterday, Auguin's 60ft yacht, Groupe Sceta, has built up a 70-mile lead over Gautier's almost identical design, Generali Concorde. Computer predictions suggest that he may reclaim the 21-hour gap that divided the two at the start of this final 6,000-mile leg from Uruguay at the end of March.

Robin Davie, from Cornwall, continues to lead the Corinthian class, having built up a 106-mile lead over Paul Thackaberry, of the United States, but Josh Hall, from Ipswich, who has problems with his sails, has slipped to third place in class 2. The leaders are now expected to reach Newport on April 24.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 10:15 GMT yesterday, with miles to Newport, Rhode Island): Class 1: Groupe Sceta (C Auguin, Fr) 2,784 miles; 2, Generali Concorde (A Gautier, Fr) 2,837; 3, Credit Agricole (P Jeantot, Fr) 3,085; 4, Duracell (M Plant, US) 3,240; 5, Innkeeper (D Adams, Aus) 3,255; 6, Ecureuil PC (I Autissier, Fr) 3,261; 7, Jarkan (K Birtles, Aus) 3,278; 8, Grinaker (B Reed, SA) 3,283; 9, Alba Regia (N Fa, Hun) 3,304; 10 BBV Expo '92 (J Ugarte, Sp) 3,321. Class 2: 1, Servant (Y Dupasquier, Fr) 3,368; 2, Buttercup (D McIntyre, Aus) 3,461; 3, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB) 3,483; 4, Project City Kids (J Boye, US) 4,676; 5, Sebago (H Roth, USA) 4,355. Corinthian class: 1, Global Exposure (R Davie, GB) 3,785; 2, Volcano (P Thackaberry, USA) 3,870; 3, Shutendohji (M Saito (Japan) 4,105.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Halesowen 1, Crawley 2.
VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Windsor and Eton 3, Carshalton 2.
OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Luton Town 1, Brighton 0; Oxford United 1, Millwall 0; West Ham 1, Southampton 4
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Derby 1, Nottingham Forest 2; Huddersfield 1, Manchester United 1; Wolves 0, Manchester City 3. Second division: Bradford City 5, West Bromwich 1; Wigan 3, Blackpool 0.
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Chelsea 1, Watford 0
KNIGHT FLOODLIGHT LEAGUE: Harlow 5, Rainham 0
WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Leyton Orient 4, Wealdstone 1.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Harrogate 2, Caernarfon 1; Radcliffe 1, Emley 3.
BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Prescot 1, Knowsley 2, Skelmersdale 0, Eastwood Hanley 1.
DUTCH LEAGUE: Ajax 2, SVV Schiedam 0. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven, pl 24, 39pts; 2, Groningen, 24, 37; 3, Ajax, 23, 34.
DUTCH CUP: Semi-final: PSV Eindhoven 0, Feyenoord 1 (Feyenoord to meet BVV den Bosch in final, May 9).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Mets 6, Montreal Expos 3; Houston Astros 4, Cincinnati Reds 1; San Francisco Giants 11, San Diego Padres 9; St Louis Cardinals 5, Chicago Cubs 4; Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Atlanta Braves 2.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 6, Boston Red Sox 4; Detroit Tigers 11, New York Yankees 5; Oakland As 3, Minnesota Twins 0; California Angels 5, Seattle Mariners 0; Toronto Blue Jays 7, Milwaukee Brewers 3.

BASKETBALL

BARCELONA: European Cup: Final (Women): Cesena (It) 84, Arvika (Swe) 66. Third place: Sporting Athens 68, Electrosila Leningrad 58.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Minnesota Timberwolves 112, Atlanta Hawks 98; Milwaukee Bucks 111, Boston Celtics 92; Golden State Warriors 111, Houston Rockets 99; Los Angeles Lakers 110, Utah Jazz 95; Sacramento Kings 104, Orlando Magic 98.

BOWLS

MELTON MOWBRAY: English Indoor National Championships: Pairs: Semi-finals: Cyphers, Beckenham (G Smith, A Thomson) bt Coventry (M Henley, E Over), 31-10; Dolphin, Poole (C Martin, A Tidby) bt Gateshead (T Scott, D Webb), 24-21. Final: Cyphers bt Dolphin, Poole, 29-7. Singles: First round: D Ramsdale (Darlington) bt A Humphrey (Herts Watford), 21-7; M King (Hunstanton) bt P Hayes (March GER), 21-12; G Standley (Longmeadow) bt M Osborne (Exonia), 21-13; N Burrows (Blackpool Borough) bt M Todd (Beccles), 21-14; T Scott (Gateshead) bt A Squire (Falcon Chelmsford), 21-11; M Biggs (Thamesdown) bt J Morgan (Cheshunt), 21-6; G Harlow (Ely) bt D Wood (Sutton), 21-5; R Cutts (Ipswich) bt S Hack (Melton Mowbray), 21-14; J Mills (Nottingham) bt I Walker (Kingsthorpe, Northampton), 21-3; A Thomson (Cyphers, Beckenham) bt G Smyth (Paddington), 21-5; S Remington (Christie Miller, Melksham) bt A Cook (Hull), 21-11; S Carne (Sunderland) bt D Sadler (Erdington Court, Birmingham), 21-20; P Maltravers (Ilminster) bt K Renwick (Preston, Brighton), 21-12; D Bishop (Victory, Portsmouth) bt T Beesley (Seven Oakes), 21-12; A Alcock (Bentham) bt M Horsman (British Cellophane, Bridgwater), 21-12; G Grace (Handy Cross) bt A Bray (West Cornwall), 21-13. Second round: King bt Ramsdale, 21-11; Burrows bt Standley, 21-10; Biggs bt Scott, 21-9; Harlow bt Cutts, 21-3; Thomson bt Mills, 21-9; Remington bt Carne, 21-18; Maltravers bt Bishop, 21-19; Alcock bt Grace, 21-8.

CROQUET

PALM BEACH, Florida: International meeting: Great Britain bt United States, 5-4.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Wigan 18, Bradford 18.
SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: First division: Warrington 34, Castleford 14.
OPENCAST BRITISH AMATEUR LEAGUE: Heworth 10, Dudley Hill 26

HOCKEY

DUBLIN: Four Nations schoolboys tournament: Under-16: Scotland 3, England 1; Ireland 1, Wales 0. Under-18: Scotland 1, England 1, Ireland 1, Wales 0.

GOLF

HALFORD HEWITT CUP: Deal: First round: Eton bt Wellington, 4½-½; Whitgift bt Framlingham, 4½-½. Second round: Marlborough bt Wrekin, 3-2; Sherborne bt Hurstpierpoint, 3-2; Glenalmond bt Merchant Taylors', 3½-1½; Watson's bt Tonbridge, 3½-1½; Lancing bt Fettes, 4½-½; Rossall bt Ampleforth, 3-2; Charterhouse bt Merchiston, 3½-½; Whitgift bt Eton, 3-2. Sandwich: First round: Liverpool bt King Edward's, Birmingham, 4-1; Forest bt Wellingborough, 5-0; Rugby bt Aldenham, 4-1; Repton bt Chigwell, 5-0. Second round: Shrewsbury bt Bedford, 5-0; Oundle bt King's Canterbury, 3-2; Epsom bt The Leys, 4-1; Harrow bt Malvern, 3-2.
KILMARNOCK BARASSIE: Scottish Assistants Championship. Final scores: 299: G Hume (Clydebank and District), 74, 77, 75, 73. 303: C Gillies (Unattached), 76, 75, 75, 76. M McLarsh (Longniddry), 72, 72, 83, 76. 304: P Lawrie (Kings Links), 73, 79, 76, 76. 308: A McQueen (Turnberry Hotel), 74, 78, 78, 78. 308: C Orr (Gleddoch), 78, 79, 78, 73. 309: C Innes (Turnberry Hotel), 79, 81, 76, 73. 310: R Aitken (Kilmarnock Barassie) 77, 80, 75, 78; J Greaves (Buchanan Castle), 79, 77, 78, 78; D McKay (Ladybank), 76, 78, 80, 76. 311: C Ronald (Torrance House), 80, 78, 79, 76. 312: B Wortley (Turnberry Hotel), 81, 72, 78, 81. 313: A Skinner (Royal Dornoch), 82, 76, 80, 75; I A Taylor (Strathclyde Park), 82, 77, 78, 76.
HATTIESBURG, United States: Men's tournament: First round leaders: (US unless stated): 63: G Waite (NZ). 64: D Hart, D Shirey. 65: B Waite, F Conner, M Nicolette. 66: F Funk, R Mast, M Springer, G Bruckner, J Hart, J Wilson, L T Broeck, G Cadle, J Nelford, R Wolcott, N Lancaster, L Silveira, J Haas.
TOKYO: Japan PGA Open (Japanese unless stated): Second round leaders: 133: T Sugihara, 69, 64; R Kawagishi, 67, 66. 135: K Murota, 69, 66; T Ueno, 69, 66; B Jones (Aus), 68, 67; Y Kaneko, 67, 68. 136: H Makino, 70, 66; T Ozaki, 70, 66, T Watanabe, 68, 68; T Watanabe, 67, 69. British: 140: P Hoad, 69, 71.
TOKYO: Women's tournament: Second round leaders (Japanese unless stated): 142: Tu Ai-yu (Taiwan), 72, 70. 143: J Yasui, 72, 71; M Shimabukuro, 71, 72; H Takamura, 69, 74. 144: Y Kobayashi, 73, 71; A Oshiro, 72, 72.
FORMBY: Northern Women's Open Foursomes: Semi-finals: C Comboy and P Bridge (Delamere Forest) bt P Hargreaves and D Vaux (Formby), 5 and 3; M Hipkin and J Price (Wirral) bt L Dermott (Liverpool) and F Brown (Heswall), 2 and 1. Final: Comboy and Bridge bt Hipkin and Price, 3 and 1

TENNIS

BARCELONA: Conde de Godo tournament: Singles: Third round: O Camporese (It) bt J Arrese (Sp), 6-3, 7-5; E Sánchez (Sp) bt A Cherkasov (USSR), 5-7, 7-5, 6-3; A Agassi (US) bt A Pahunen (Fin), 6-2, 6-3. Quarter-finals: S Bruguera (Sp) bt A Chesnokov (USSR), 6-2, 7-5; M Jaite (Arg) bt V Paloheimo (Fin), 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; Sánchez bt Camporese, 7-6, 4-6, 7-5
AMELIA ISLAND, Florida: Women's tournament: Third round: N Zvereva (USSR) bt V Martinek (Cz), 1-6, 6-2, 6-1; Z Garrison (US) bt A Kanellopoulou (Gr), 6-2, 6-4; P Fendick (US) bt B Schultz (Neth), 6-3, 6-4; L Meskhi (USSR) bt T Whitlinger (US), 6-0, 6-1; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt H Cioffi (US), 6-3, 6-1; H Sukova (Cz) bt G Helgeson (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; G Sabatini (Arg) bt L Spadea (US), 6-0, 6-1.
TOKYO: Japan Open: Men's singles: Third round: M Stich (Ger) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 7-6, 6-2; M Chang (US) bt D Pate (US), 6-4, 7-6; S Edberg (Swe) bt J Connors (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-1; J Courier (US) bt D Goldie (US), 6-3, 6-4; P Cash (Aus) bt B Gilbert (US), 6-4, 1-6, 6-3; J Hlasek (Switz) bt A Mronz (Ger), 6-1, 6-7, 7-6; J McEnroe (US) bt T Witsken (US), 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; I Lendl (Cz) bt J Yzaga (Peru), 7-5, 6-3. Quarter-finals: Lendl bt Hlasek, 6-1, 6-4; Courier bt McEnroe, 6-2, 6-2; Edberg bt Stich, 7-6, 6-3; Chang bt Cash, 6-4, 6-1. Women's singles: Quarter-finals: L Gildemeister (Peru) bt K Okamoto (Japan), 6-4, 6-4; L McNeil (US) bt A Frazier (US), 6-3, 6-3; S Appelmans (Bel) bt M Werdel (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; R Hiraki (Japan) bt E Svigierova (Cz), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4. Semi-finals: McNeil bt Gildemeister, 7-6, 6-3, Appelmans bt Hiraki, 6-4, 6-4.

SNOOKER

AYLESBURY: Matchroom League: N Foulds (Eng) bt W Thorne (Eng), 5-3.

SKIING

HEMSEDAL, Norway: World junior championships: Giant slalom: Men: 1, M Zucchelli (It), 2min 04.64sec; 2, G Graber (Austria), 2:04.71; 3, F Carnagnolo (Fr), 2:04.74; 4, I Bormolini (It), 2:04.77; 5, C Mayer (Austria), 2:04.93; 6, T Hellman (Swe), 2:04.95. Women: 1, S Panzanini (It), 2:09.95; equal 2, M Ertl (Ger) and B Briec (Yug), 2:10.48, 4, I Picenoni (It), 2:10.50; 5, C Meusburger (Austria), 2:10.54; 6, C Bellet Rey (Switz), 2:10.79.

RUGBY UNION

WALES: Women's World Cup: Plate competition: Canada 36, Soviet Union 0; Wales 3, Netherlands 6; Sweden 0, Italy 18; Japan 0, Spain 30

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup Play-offs (aggregate scores in best-of-seven series in brackets). Patrick division: Washington Capitals 5, New York Rangers 4 (Washington lead 3-2); New Jersey Devils 4, Pittsburgh Penguins 2 (New Jersey lead 3-2). Adams division: Boston Bruins 6, Hartford Whalers 1 (Boston lead 3-2), Montreal Canadiens 4, Buffalo Sabres 3 (Montreal lead 3-2)

BILLIARDS

SHEFFIELD: World Professional Championship: Qualifying round: G Sethi (Ind) bt M Kothari (Ind), 2,868-865; D Heald (Eng) bt J Caven (Sco), 980-856. First round: C Everton (Wales) bt D Heald (Eng), 4-0, S Hardcastle (Eng) bt J Caven (Scot), 4-1.

BOXING

MEXICO CITY: WBC Featherweight championship: Marcos Villasana (Mex, holder) bt R Zuniga (Col), rsc 6th rnd.
BANGKOK: King's Cup: Finals: Light flyweight: Kim Dok Nam (N Kor) bt Suthinan Suemuang (Thai), pts. Fly: Sukree Saithai (Thai) bt Hamdani Tamagula (Indon), pts. Bantam: Chatree Suwanyod (Thai) bt Enrique Carrion Olivares (Cuba), pts. Feather: Arnaldo Mesa Bonell (Cuba) bt Kim Jong-Kil (S Kor), pts. Light: Julio Gonzalez Valladares (Cuba) bt Chamlong Daoseewangpa (Thai), rsc 2nd. Light welter: Candelario Duvergel Odell (Cuba) bt Oleg Nikolayev (USSR), pts. Welter: Juan Hernandez (Cuba) bt Soongnern Sanram (Thai), rsc 4th. Light-middle: Juan C. Lemus (Cuba) bt Choi Jong Ki (S Kor), rsc 2nd. Middle: Orestes Solano (Cuba) bt Igor Bunin (USSR), pts. Light-heavy: Sergey Klokov (USSR) bt Roberto Alvarez (Cuba), rsc 3rd. Heavy: Felix Savon (Cuba) bt Igor Schagin (USSR), rsc 1st. Super-heavy: Roberto Balado (Cuba) bt Brian Nielsen (Den), pts. Outstanding boxer: Suwanyod.

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SPORT

Faldo has to dig deep into his bag for patience

From MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

PATIENCE was the watchword for Nick Faldo in the second round of the 55th Masters at Augusta National here yesterday. Out in 35, the defending champion might have become frustrated during a first nine holes when he left several putts short.

He had shown his frustration the previous day when, with a level par round of 72, he left himself five shots behind the Americans, Lanny Wadkins, Mark McCumber and Jim Gallagher, who shared the lead.

Faldo knows from experience that the key to winning this title is to stay within striking distance of the leaders, realising that the tournament is traditionally won over the last nine holes.

The prospect of this Masters becoming one to savour had increased on Thursday with Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson finishing among those on 68 along with José-María Olazábal, of Spain.

Faldo found 30 players ahead of him on the leader board when he began his second round late on a sultry morning. He reached the first green in conventional fashion but from 20 feet he left the putt 18 inches short.

Faldo struck his approach to the second into a greenside bunker. His recovery took a look at the hole before turning away and rolling some 45 feet from the cup. He struck his putt four feet short but made the rest to save his par.

Faldo made a birdie at the third with a putt of 15 feet. The ball seemed as if it was again going to pull up short but, to Faldo's delight, it disappeared into the cup. He allowed that shot to get away from him by taking five at the fifth but, with a chip to eight feet for a birdie at the 8th, he returned to under par for the tournament. Faldo began the inward half with two pars, followed by a two at the 12th.

Meanwhile, Ian Woosnam, who like Faldo started the tournament with a 72, began an encouraging move through the field. He was on the green at the second with a driver and a five-iron so that two putts were sufficient to give him a birdie.

The fourth and sixth holes represent difficult targets to hit but Woosnam made it look easy. He hit tee shots at both holes to within four feet of the holes. In the first round, Woosnam had struck the ball equally well without any reward on the greens. But he seemed more confident and that confidence was increased as he holed both putts for a brace of twos.

The Welshman hit a splendid drive up the 7th to leave himself with a sand-iron to the green. He threw the ball high into the air, it pitched through the green, spun back and trickled across the putting surface into a bunker. With a smile on his face, Woosnam blasted out to three feet, from where he holed. He dropped a shot by taking three putts at the 9th but he made an excellent birdie at the 11th.

Severiano Ballesteros had no luck in a round of 70, which gave him a total of 145. He knew that he was on the precipice as far as making the halfway cut was concerned, although Sandy Lyle, after a 76 for a score of 153, checked out early from his hotel.

Ballesteros covered the opening nine holes in 34. He began with a birdie from 22 feet at the 1st and he made his other with a chip to seven feet at the 8th. Ballesteros, who won the title in 1980 and 1983, appeared to be coasting after a two at the 12th, where he hit a wonderful tee shot to seven feet and another birdie at the 13th. He had the chance for an eagle at the 13th, where he missed from 12 feet after a superb approach with a three iron.

But Ballesteros pulled his driver into the trees at the 14th. He hit another tree with his intended recovery shot, pulled his next left of the green and took three more to get down.

The Spaniard immediately regained those two lost shots when he hit a four iron to 25 feet from the hole at the 15th. The putt flirted with the left side of the cup, rolled 18 inches past and Ballesteros contrived to miss the return.

He deserved better than that and he received a stroke of good fortune at the 17th, where he chipped in from 35 yards for a birdie. Luck turned against him again at the last, where his drive came to rest six inches short of a fairway bunker. He cut a three iron short of the green, pitched nine feet past and missed the putt.

SCORES FROM AUGUSTA

US unless stated

Early second round scores

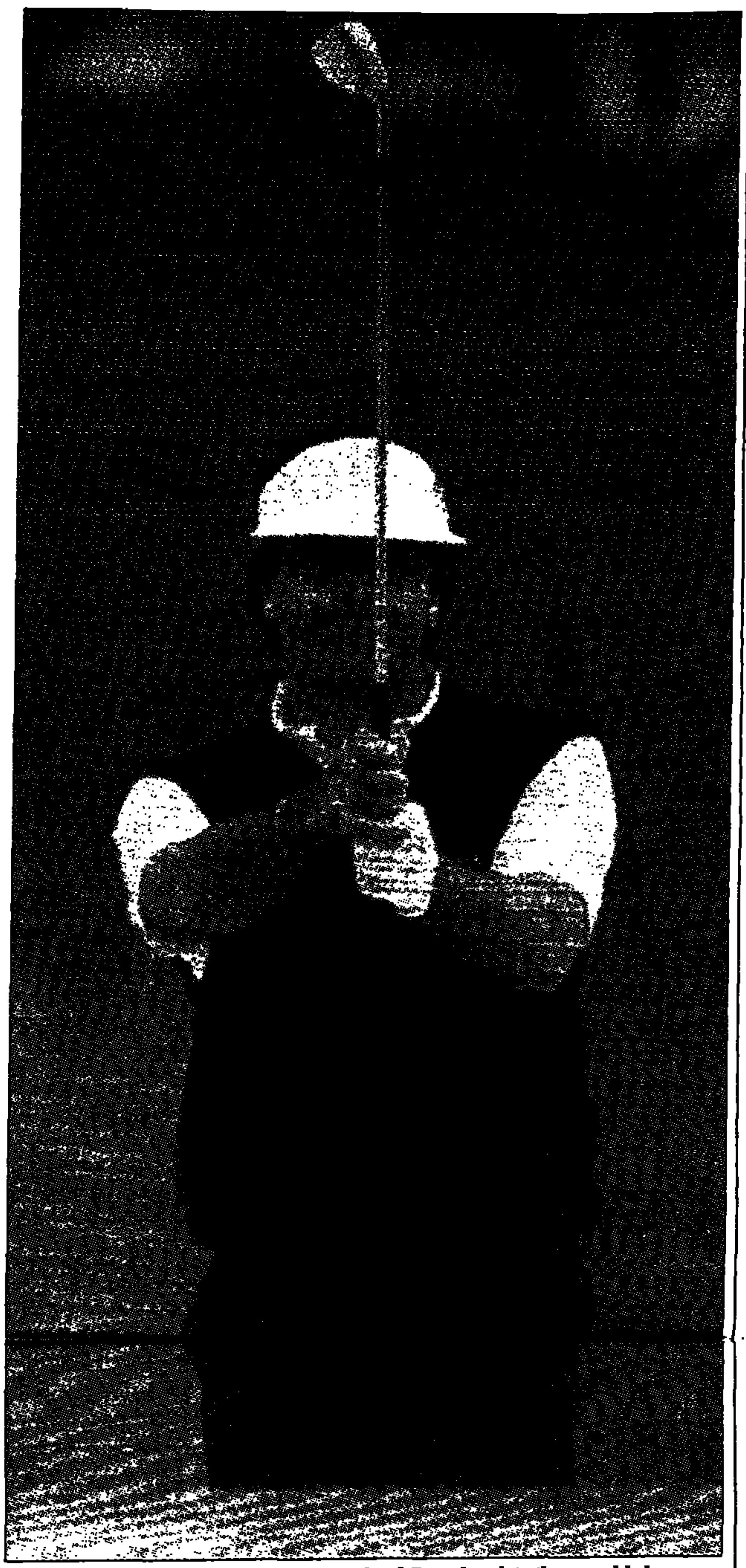
145: B Tennyson, 78, 67; S Ballesteros (Sp), 75, 70; B Tennyson, 78, 67.
146: J D Blake, 74, 72.
147: G Norman (Aus), 78, 69; J Cook, 77, 70.
148: B Casper, 77, 71.
150: R Tway, 75, 75.
152: J Benepe, 78, 74; G Brewer, 78, 74
153: F Minoza (Phil), 78, 75, G Morgan, 77, 76, *J Stuart, 81, 72; A Lyle (GB), 77, 76.
154: C Coody, 77, 77.
155: *M Combs, 81, 74.
155: A Palmer, 78, 77; R Muntz (Neth), 80, 75; J Inman, 75, 80.

First round scores

67: L Wadkins, J Gallagher Jr, M McCumber.
68: F Couples, T Watson, J Nicklaus, M Ozaki (Japan), J-M Olazábal (Sp).
69: *P Mickelson, S Simpson, W Levi, M Brooks.
70: J Mudd, T Aaron, K Green, C Stadler, A Magee, B Crenshaw, M Calcavecchia, F Zoeller, H Irwin.
71: T Kite, B Langer (Ger), J Sluman, L Trevino, *M Zerman (SA), I Baker-Finch (Aus), R Floyd, D Frost.
72: T Sieckmann, L Roberts, S Hoch, G Player (SA), P Azinger, N Price (Zim), J Sindelar, K Knox, D Hammond, M McNulty (Zimb), W Mayfair, S Elkington (Aus), I Woosnam (GB), B Britton, C Strange, L Mize, R Mediate, N Faldo (GB), D Love III, S Pate, R Gamez, D Pooley.
73: T Simpson, J Huston, R Rafferty (N Ire), P Jacobsen, M Donald, S Jones, N Henke, C Pavin, †G Archer.
74: T Schulz, B R Brown, M O'Meara, L Nelson, W Grady (Aus), T Nakajima (Japan).
75: J Inman, R Tway, S Ballesteros (Sp).
77: B Casper, C Coody, A Lyle (GB), G Morgan, J Cook.
78: F Minoza (Phil), J Benepe, G Brewer Jr, B Tennyson, G Norman, A Palmer.
80: *R Muntz (Neth).
81: *J P Stuart, *M S Combs.
90: †D Ford.

* Denotes amateur
† Withdrew

☐ The 44 leading scorers and all tied for 44th place, plus all within 10 strokes of the lead, will qualify for the final two rounds.



Gripping stuff: Ballesteros's bunker shot fails to drop into the second hole

Mickelson sets early pace in masterful style

AUGUSTA, Georgia (AP) – Phil Mickelson cuts an unusual figure among the players here this week. He stands on the wrong side of the ball. He does not play for money. And he has the composure of someone who has been playing professional golf for 20 years, not someone who is 20 years old.

This year's Masters was supposed to be a stage for Nick Faldo, but Mickelson stepped up and stole the show in the first round. The US amateur champion was paired with Faldo, whose attention was focused on his attempt to become the first player to win the Masters three times in a row. Faldo scored 72, level par. Mickelson scored 69.

Afterwards, as a frustrated Faldo remained in the locker-room, Mickelson was glad to talk. He said: "It was everything I had read about and more. It was awesome, just awesome."

The long-hitting left-hander, who won the Tucson Open earlier this year but decided to keep his amateur status, sat on the dais next to Jack Nicklaus and listened as the man who won the Masters six times praised his performance.

"That 69 was very impressive. I'd like to have done that when I was his age," Nicklaus said, before warning that the attention would have its negative side. "He is going to have a lot of people saying he is the next great player of the world. He is going to have to cope with a lot of that kind of pressure."

The emergence of Mickelson, who could be the first left-hander to make an impact on the game since Bob Charles, should help to dispell the impression that this is an old man's tour~~nament. All the other four~~some, Lanny Wadkins, Tom Watson and Jumbo Ozaki, over 40. Nicklaus is nearer the 50 mark.

Mickelson gave a pretty good imitation of Nicklaus on the course – at least for one day. He completed the front nine in 37, one over par. "What happened?" he was asked. "Amateur mistakes," he said. "Fortunately, I'm an amateur."

On the back nine, h
ever, he played like a p
fessional. "After bogeys
the 8th and 9th, it
tempting to try to get th
strokes back," Mickel
said. "But you can't do t
on the 10th, 11th and 1
You have to wait a few ho
that took patience."

Patience is the w
Nicklaus uses most often
describe the key to succes
Augusta, and Mickelso
patience paid off as he
came the first left-hander
break 70 in the Masters.

At the 13th, he hit a dr
and a three-iron to within
feet and knocked in the p
for an eagle-three. He ha
birdie on the 15th a
capped his round w
another on the 18th, co
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tion as he approached
final green.

Mickelson was not carri
away by the achieveme
however. "I realized afte
won at Tucson in Janu
that I would not be menta
ready to play the next we
These guys play week af
week," he said. "I'm
tough enough yet. I w
happy to be able to go back
classes," he said.

His attitude was remin
cent of Nicklaus, who w
relaxed and happy after sc
ing a 68. He said: "Today
was about as composed
any round in a long tin
Usually I get flustered
some point in a round a
have to pull myself togeth
Today I was very, ve
good."

Nicklaus has been pair
with Watson for the seco
round today, and the two
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Fuzzy Zoeller.

Gooch given chance to put confidence to the test

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

GRAHAM Gooch was yesterday given an opportunity to fill a gap in his record and, by inference, an extended period to decide on his long-term future. England have not won a series against West Indies during Gooch's 16 years as an international player but, after the near miss in the Caribbean last winter, the captain is quietly convinced that this summer's series could end that sequence.

The England committee, which met under the chairman, Ted Dexter, has confirmed that Gooch will remain in charge throughout the West Indian tour, leading England in three Texaco Trophy internationals and five Cornhill Test matches.

He has not been granted the full summer, as the committee has yet to announce the captain for the Test against Sri Lanka in late August. This is neither an oversight nor a slight to Gooch.

Dexter says it is a matter of policy to appoint the captain by the series. A more pressing reason may be continuing doubt about Gooch's desire for tours.

Gooch would doubtless wish to lead England in the World Cup early next year but he may not be so enthusiastic about the eight-week trip to New Zealand which precedes it. The door is being left open

Gooch will be at Lord's next Wednesday and Thursday for a pre-season gathering of present and potential England players. All 34 who toured during the winter, in the senior and A teams, have been invited, as have the newly qualified Graeme Hick and the newly rehabilitated Ricky Ellcock.

Hick returned only yesterday from Worcestershire's tour of his native Zimbabwe to receive the news of his first England recognition, less than a fortnight after the end of his long and frustrating qualification period.

Ellcock has not played any serious cricket since his emotional exit from England's West Indies tour last February with a serious back condition. Since being operated upon, he has spent part of the recovery time writing a novel but in recent weeks has been bowling impressively fast at Middlesex practices and it is good to see that he has not been forgotten.

Hick and Ellcock are just two of more than a dozen of the invited players who are committed to the four-day match between MCC and Middlesex, the champion county, which starts at Lord's on Tuesday. They will join in the England session if and when the state of the MCC game permits. But all 36 players will be at a dinner and discussion evening on Wednesday, when Gooch, Dexter and the team manager, Micky Stewart, will have their say about the recent past and the imminent future.

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A FRIEND FOR LIFE

Wembley dream will die at Wembley

By CLIVE WHITE

THE place is right but the time is wrong for two close friends to contest one of the most significant football matches of either man's career tomorrow.

For Terry Venables and George Graham, the respective managers of Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal, who meet in their FA Cup semi-final at Wembley, it had been a shared dream to lead their teams out on to the same pitch on May 18, the day of the final. But it was not to be. Only one of them will now have that experience.

Similarly, camaraderie will be forced to take a back seat – if it can get a ticket – at Villa Park, the scene of the other semi-final between Nottingham Forest and West Ham United. It is there that, despite all the nice things that Brian Clough was saying yesterday about Billy Bonds, his novice adversary, he will try to take a vital step towards winning, in the twilight of his career, the only significant piece of silverware to elude him in 25 years of management.

By comparison with Clough, Graham is barely out of kindergarten too, and admitted as much this week when with great modesty, albeit from a position of great strength, he said: "I haven't done anything yet. I've just won a few trophies. I'm still a baby as a manager."

Graham thought that he was still three or four years from maturing as a manager – in football you have to grow up quickly – and he said that he owed a debt to Venables for persuading him to stay in football when his playing career ended, "to see if I enjoyed it". A pub team was about all that Graham had in mind to manage; he was contemplating moving into the licensed trade.

"Terry has been my biggest pal since I joined him at Chelsea as a player in 1964," Graham said. "I have learned so much from him. Our friendship won't cease, even long after I've left Arsenal and he's left Spurs and we're finished with football."

But their interests today could hardly be more diametrical. The second double in Arsenal's history may hang on the outcome (Graham figured in the first as a player 20 years ago) while defeat for Tottenham against the arch enemy would be a bitter pill to swallow in such a turbulent season for the financially-hamstrung club, which Venables and his consortium still hope to buy out.

The fact that Tottenham are the only opponents Arsenal have not beaten this season (they have shared two goalless games) demands that Arsenal pay them the maximum respect, all the more so following Paul Gascoigne's astonishing return to fitness after an abdominal operation a month ago.

Even so, doubts must exist over Gascoigne's ability to cover Wembley's expansive pitch and, to a lesser extent, Arsenal's ability to survive on it in their second demanding game in the space of five days.

If an Achilles' heel exists within this superbly disciplined Arsenal side, it could be its stamina. It is a weakness which has existed more obviously in previous seasons when the team was younger and more susceptible to such demands, but there has been evidence of it this season, too.

Their only League defeat, against Chelsea in early February, immediately followed the kind of exhaustive and bruising struggle they endured this week at Southampton;
that was their fourth-ro
first replay against L
United. It was, arguably
only occasion this se
when they have been seve
tested twice in a week.
days of extra rest, howe
may come to their rescue
time.

Such a workload n
bothered Bonds, as Cl
observed. "Over the y
West Ham have been
nowned as a footballing si
Clough said. "But the fact
they had a guy like Bo
doing the donkey work
abled the so-called flair p
ers to entertain.

"He did for them what
likes of McGovern and E
yer did for me. If he turns
to be half as good a manag
he was a player, he has
some future ahead of hi
had been hoping his tal
hadn't yet got through to
players. But I fear it's
late."

The return of a conquering hero

SIMON BARNES

Who remembers Don Thompson? For me, he is unforgettable: for months, every time, returning from primary school, I turned from Valley Road into Oakdale Road I recreated his triumph, hip-swinging to gold and glory into the Olympic Stadium in Rome in 1960 in the walk: one of Britain's two golds at those Olympics.

Now, 31 years later, Thompson has been selected to represent Britain again. This is easily the longest timespan between the winning of two British vests. He takes part in a 200km/24hr walking race in France next weekend, and does so as part of a five-man, three-woman British team. He will, of course, walk in an official 1991 British vest. It really is not bad going for a lad of 58.

But Thompson has kept pretty fit since that triumphant entry into the stadium, as he strode to victory in his foreign legion cap. Last Sunday, he ran his seventieth marathon. His normal weekend schedule is to run 30 miles on Saturday and walk 15 on Sunday. "I am surprised to be selected, and I'm really looking forward to it," he said.

Horse-racing is not to everyone's taste, so how about sheep-racing? This fascinating sport has been introduced at Abbotsham, near Bideford, in Devon. The RSPCA has approved the concept, and the organisers say modestly that this is "England's most imaginative and entertaining tourist attraction". You can become an owner for a day. The standard racing distance is one-third of a mile. One of the swifter sheep is called Alderknitty.

Japanese salute

The event of the year, the women's rugby World Cup, stages its final at Cardiff rugby club tomorrow. Japan will not contest it – but they are unquestionably the team of the tournament. They have played three matches without scoring a point: they conceded 62 points to France, 37 to Sweden and 30 to Spain. They have carried off these defeats with style. Every single time a try has been scored against them, they have performed a sporting bow to the scorer. After every game, each Japanese player has sought out her opposite number and presented her with a small gift of an origami something-or-other. All members of the team play in scrum-caps: the stand-off half plays with hers tucked into the back of her shorts. I trust all these innovations will be adopted by the All Blacks for the lesser event, the men's rugby World Cup, this autumn.

Reverend occasion

The Times Hunter Chase final, which takes place on May 24 at Towcester, is normally a gathering of the green-wellies. This year, it will also bring together the dog-collared. The chaplain of the course, James Attwell, has invited all the diocesan clergy to the racecourse, as part of the celebrations of the 450th anniversary of the diocese of Peterborough. The Irish and Catholic links with the turf are justly famous: I wish the Anglicans a day of happy punting. Remember that where bookmakers are concerned, it is far more blessed to receive than to give.

☐ *It is open season on Maradona. Here is Pele: "Maradona is as bad an example as the Beatles were with drugs . . . a very bad example for the young,*
who appreciate great idols. I h
always admired the Beatles, but I h
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natural herb that was good to smok

Gentlemen please

Cricket is back with us ag
Here is a line from the la
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to make a profit by his services in
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no cricketer who takes more than
expenses in any match shall
qualified to play for the Gentlen
against the Players at Lord's; but t
if any gentleman feels difficulty
joining in the match without pe
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debarred from playing as a gentlen
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observed by the MCC since
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club has been in its own hands." Q
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FRIDAY PAGE

Hooked on hospital

TRUE FALSE

In recent years Britain's paediatricians have come to recognize a new and disturbing form of child abuse and a new group of mothers and children who need help. Some mothers, it seems, claim their children are sick when they are not. Some actually make their children ill.

The condition has been named Munchausen syndrome by proxy after Munchausen syndrome, an adult form of "hospital addiction". It was first spotted seven years ago by Professor Roy Meadow, consultant paediatrician at St James's University Hospital in Leeds.

There, a little girl named Kay came under the professor's care. Kay had already been through hundreds of investigations and had been given many potentially toxic drugs for a suspected bladder problem, all to no avail, when Professor Meadow set out once again to try to find out what was wrong with her. Then the penny dropped. Kay was fine. Her mother's account of her illness was false.

Since then Professor Meadow has either dealt with or heard of more than 90 similar cases in the UK and now knows the consequences to be horrifying.

One little boy had brain surgery as doctors tried to explain his "symptoms" and another had over 180 blood tests. Victims can spend months in hospital and be made genuinely ill by treatment given by doctors in good faith.

Just why a mother should lie in this way is not always clear. She may be over-concerned for her child's health and lie to ensure he gets attention; a few have Munchausen syndrome themselves. Others are reluctant to let their children grow up, or revel in the kindness and attention of the children's ward or recognize that a sick child is a "first-class ticket" to financial and supportive help for the family in trouble, says the professor.

Somehow it seems they are able to shut out the idea that the child could be hurt as a result.

Professor Meadow advises any woman in this position to seek the help of the person caring for her child. Mothers helped to realize that they can make friends and get support without hurting their child have been able to stop the lies and look after their family happily.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Use your head

The Metropolitan Police have taken a tip from the riding fraternity and introduced better protective helmets for mounted officers, as pictured.

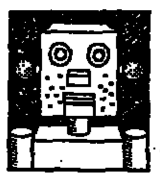
Its a pity more riding enthusiasts don't follow the advice. Nearly 70 per cent of riders who fall sustain head injuries. If they all wore adequate head-gear the figure could be cut to 15 per cent.

Jockey Club medical consultant Dr Michael Allen insists that all riders – whether on weekend hack or in the National Hunt – need a hard hat with an adjustable chin strap to stop it falling off.

Anyone racing in a competitive setting, amateur or professional, should wear a jockey's skull cap, recommended version BSI 4472. At £27 to £37 this is more expensive than other riding hats but is the only design which will offer real protection at speed. And for those who prefer a more conventional look Christy Beaufort and Charles Owen are incorporating the skull cap design into traditional hard-hat style.

For weekend riding and show-jumping Dr Allen recommends the new pony and horse hat, BSI 6473.

Skin troubles



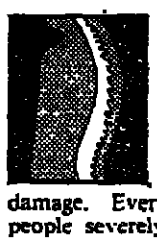
You may think you never suffer from eczema, but just a little red patch underneath your watch strap could be contact dermatitis – which is allergic eczema. The list of substances which can cause this type of skin trouble is endless. It is the nickel in watch straps, jean studs, cheap ear-rings, zips: car handles and even coins in trouser pockets which may lead to angry rashes. At least 10 per cent of the population are allergic to the metal.

Some ingredients in perfumes, preservatives in make-up can cause eczema. Men working in the building trade who come into contact with chromium salts in cement can also be badly afflicted. This type of eczema can be particularly nasty because if the culprit is not isolatd quickly it can stay for years.

Some of these reactions are rare, but many more people are allergic to the epoxy-resin chemicals found in adhesives and glues. Other chemicals found in rubber gloves and insoles can cause problems, while car mechanics can suffer if they touch heavy rubber tyres.

Even innocent and common plants can inflame the skin: Primula obconica, cinerarias and chrysanthemums. One Japanese woman suffered terrible problems after tending an orchid.

Back to backs



Mrs Margaret Tebbit's terrible injuries resulting from the Brighton bombing a week ago draws attention to the plight of all people who suffer spinal damage. Every year about 300 people severely injure their backs. Newspaper reports can be misleading. We tend to read only about the dramatic cases – hunting or hang-gliding accidents – although according to one consultant in spinal injuries at Stoke Mandeville Hospital 50 per cent of all victims have been involved in road accidents. The rest are industrial accidents and sports injuries.

A sudden, violent jerk of the head – backwards, forwards or rotated – may break the neck, which is also vulnerable to intense compression of the head. Compression accounts for 50 per cent of cases. Breaks further down the spine depend on the point of impact.

If the neck is broken and the spinal cord, which carries the body's nervous system, is damaged, the person may be paralysed in all four limbs. Damage further down – in the middle of the chest or below – will leave the upper body with movement and feeling.

Doctors can often tell the extent of the damage within 48 hours, but it may take six to eight weeks for the initial judgment to be confirmed. As one specialist at the spinal unit in Owestry pointed out, no two cases are the same. The outcome will depend on many factors – age motivation and the person's shape all play their part.

Patients who have spinal damage go through a period of bereavement. They often cannot absorb all the implications for a number of weeks, and grieve for the loss of physical independence.

Between six and ten weeks after the accident patients first get out of bed. After a few days of euphoria their morale reaches the nadir, mechanisms for keeping them upright will not be functioning properly, either because they are damaged or because the body has forgotten how to use them and they feel dreadful, sick and faint. They cannot walk away from their chairs, and they are at their most helpless.

So begins the long, slow haul – perhaps over two years – to maximum recovery.

Olivia Timbs and Lorraine Fraser

Suzuki children tune into the new way of music

Three-year-olds are learning the violin by methods once thought eccentric – Alan Franks reports

There was a time when the name Suzuki conjured up nothing but the sound of a Japanese motor cycle. Today it is just as likely to denote the rather higher pitch of tiny violins being played *en masse* by improbably young children.

If you pass a classroom or hall where a Suzuki lesson is in progress, you are likely to hear the keening of a repeated cadence, punctuated by pauses and the example of an adult bow.

If you stop and listen more closely you might detect, not the simple shapes of a nursery rhyme, but the melody lines of Bach and Vivaldi. Put your head through the door and you will see a group of children, some as young as three, aping one another in unison.

They may be walking round in a circle, one behind the other, they may be bowing low with the polite formality of judo wrestlers. Whatever they are up to, they will be under the close scrutiny of their own senior colleagues – their mothers.

For this is one of the principles at the heart of the Suzuki method – that the family is a more resourceful unit than the classroom when it comes to early musical instruction.

The mother (yes, there *are* fathers who attend, but conventional patterns of work make them a minority) will have a small violin of her own, and will have spent several hours of the past week practising with her child. Some mothers will have brought two children to the class, the elder of whom will, whether wittingly or not, already be acting as a teacher to the younger.

A year ago when the eponymous Dr Shinichi Suzuki, now 85, visited Britain, it was estimated that there were roughly 500 children learning the full method here, a further 1,000 studying under partly trained teachers, and about 4,000 studying some of the method.

There are many reasons for Suzuki's growing popularity. First, and perhaps most important, the method has been in use here, albeit in small pockets of pioneers, for more than a decade, so that it is already possible to gauge its benefits in pupils who have now reached adolescence.

Second, any educational movement which starts life at the eccentric edges of the spectrum takes time to gather momentum. In Suzuki's own country the number of students or ex-students of the method is an astonishing 500,000.

When Suzuki started teaching, half a century ago, there was just one symphony orchestra in the whole of Japan. Today there is at least one in every big city, and Tokyo boasts seven.

Third, there is a widespread view among parents in their thirties and forties that their own musical education was badly neglected, and that they must grab the earliest chance of making good the deficit one generation down.

This seems particularly true among the middle classes; the more honest, or self-critical ones admit to a competitive urge, for now that the home and family are seen as vital parts of the primary teaching process, parents can be made to feel guilty as never before about their own children's level of performance.

As with the home computer, so to a lesser extent, with the Suzuki violin.

Finally, it would be wrong to discount the effect made by Suzuki himself during his visit. Looking 20 years younger than his age, and with a beatific expression animating his face, he conducted from the piano 500 young violinists in a programme ranging from variations on *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star* to Bach's double violin concerto.

The sound and the spectacle at that north London school were quite electrifying, as was his restatement of the belief that, given the right guidance at home, a child who starts a string instrument at the age of three can perform a concerto at six.

Even a few years ago the claim seemed as immoderate as those made in press advertisements for baldness cures or memory courses, yet now the weight of evidence is strongly in Suzuki's favour.

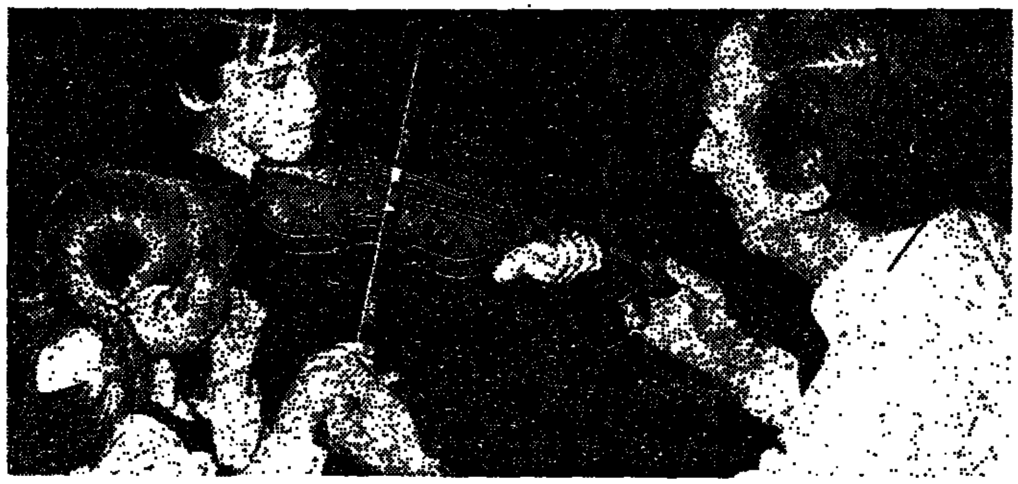
In the late 1970s a local investigation in Hertfordshire by the Rural Music Schools Association concluded that the method could, with certain modifications, be adapted to fit in with English conditions; the beginnings of respectability for Suzuki can be traced back to the report that followed.

The cornerstone of the technique – an emphasis on aural learning – has made some conventional teachers sceptical. They cannot support the relegation of sight-reading to secondary importance, nor the insistence on perfecting every small skill before advancing.

Peter Addis

How to avoid that terrible scraping: first, the stance . . .

. . . then the bow-hold: 'We have a particularly strong one' . . .



. . . finally, the stroke: Suzuki teaches beginners short strokes

Suzuki's disciples – he commands an almost religious reverence – argue that a small child learning to speak would not have to learn to read; he simply hears the cadences of the spoken word, the variety of pitches in the utterance of a sentence, and the process of imitation begins.

The same is essentially true for music, and "tone deafness" is almost always a screen behind which adults hide.

Many Suzuki teachers favour working in small groups of about four children. They believe such a unit avoids both the impersonality of large classes and the inhibiting effects of one-to-one tuition. The aim is not only for the pupils to help one another, but also to have their own built-in audience, small but sympathetic.

A recurring theme among the parents of Suzuki-taught children is the surprise at how "shy" ones soon begin to perform for a group of listeners.

Yet for all Suzuki's claims for the natural talents of the very young, this is no wonder-method. It is not uncommon to find mothers putting in three hours a day with their children at home, leading them through a passage of music until it becomes second nature.

Particularly for parents who never learnt the violin in their own youth, the education can be as intense as for their children. Moreover, the mother knows that if *she* herself drops out, she will be doing the same thing to her child.

Not surprisingly the 10-year-old London Suzuki Group tries to give prospective pupils a thorough warning about the dangers, and positively to discourage the uncommitted.

In his book, *Education From Age Zero*, Suzuki argues that as babies are clearly taking things in from the day they are born, it is perfectly logical to make music part of their "diet".

One teacher of the Suzuki method, Andrew Rankin, of Haywards Heath, Sussex, describes how in his "cradle project" mothers are asked to let their babies hear a given piece of Vivaldi for five minutes every day for three months.

"Whereas, at the start of this period the baby has merely been listening intently", he says, "by the end, there is a sort of conducting going on. He has become sufficiently familiar with the piece to be moving his limbs to the rhythms.

"Conducting *is* the word for it. Now, if you deliberately sang out of tune, you would quite soon be programming that baby to sing out of tune as well."

The method lays great importance on the bow-hold, considering it to be the foundation on which tone production can be built. It also teaches short strokes in the initial stages, which reduces the terrible scraping of most beginners.

"The finest thing in music is that production of a beautiful sound", says Rankin, "and that is based upon technique. We have a special bow-hold in Suzuki, a particularly strong one, which we build up to in three stages.

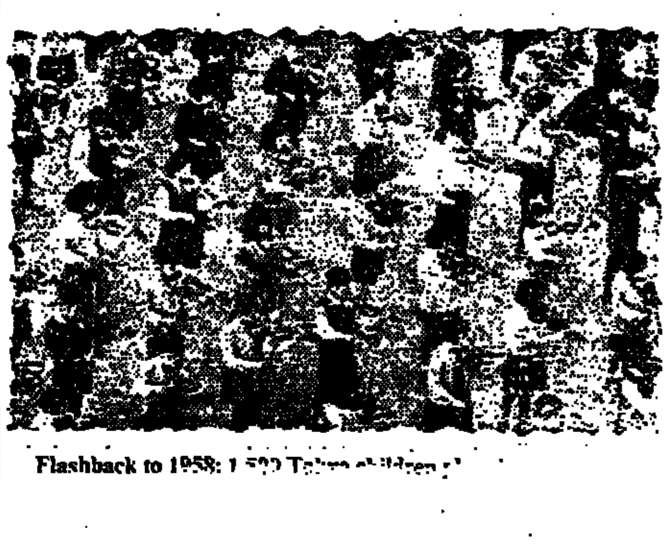
"It is very unlike those elegant drooping arm movements that one sees in Paganini prints and which can produce unstrong holds.

"When I start teaching a child, I start with the stance, make sure the weight is distributed properly, and that you have that straight line – nose, bridge, elbow, knee, left foot."

Suzuki lessons are not cheap, averaging about £5 for half an hour and £10 per term for group sessions. The first violin, a one-sixteenth size, is unlikely to cost less than £50, or £35 for a year's hire.

Parents with an aversion to the fiddle can take comfort from the fact that principles of the method are now being applied to other instruments, notably the flute, cello and piano.

Details of Suzuki classes in your area can be obtained from Mrs Pauline Whitehouse, Brit- [illegible]



Flashback to 1958: [illegible]

Lee Rodwell talks to Rose Deakin who wants to see a sexual revolution shake up the world of computers overwhelmingly dominated by men

Rose Deakin: From social worker to micro expert

A woman's place is with her micro

Rose Deakin used to be a social worker. Now, at 46, she is a sales consultant for a computer microsystems company, a rarity in what is generally considered to be a young man's world.

Rose, however, wants to change all that. Her own experiences, and those of other women who have also made new careers for themselves using computers, have convinced her that micros offer women a golden opportunity.

She argues that microcomputing can be done from home – perfect for women with a small family. It can be learnt as a new skill – ideal for women wanting to return to full-time employment. It does not require mathematical genius ("I am not, was not and never shall be good at maths"). In fact, the traditionally female skills of communicating with other people, understanding and empathizing with their problems are far more important.

So why are so few women taking up the challenge? Why do most women's eyes glaze over when they hear the very word computer?

Fewer than 7,000 girls took computer O levels in 1981, compared with 15,000 boys, and a 1982 study on home computer use carried out for the advertising agency, Young and Rubicam, showed that 88 per cent of main users were male.

Rose says forcefully: "The whole idea that women are illogical and can't use machines is rubbish. But there are characteristics in women themselves, which, linked with the way computers are generally presented and thought of, make for a predisposition to reject the whole subject.

"Computers appeal to men in the abstract way collecting things does. How many girls do you know who have a stamp collection?

"I went to a boys' school when I was 10. I was amazed to find that they spent all their spare time writing down cricket scores for matches played in past years and learning them off by heart. No female I've ever met would think that was a natural thing to do."

However, Rose believes there *are* ways to make computers more attractive to women. In schools, for example, programming could be developed as a general mind-training subject as Latin used to be.

Computing should be taught as the fourth R, introduced in the early years as a separate subject and later used in every subject.

These ideas are explored more fully in Rose's new book *Women and Computing**. The main point of the book, however, is not to ask why women are not interested in computers, but to show how computers might be of use to them.

She lists a variety of jobs which could be done by a woman working from home with a microcomputer – from word-processing to indexing and research.

Rose herself had an unorthodox entry into the world of computers. She is married to a professor of social policy at Birmingham University and worked part-time while her children – now aged 19, 17, and 13 – were growing up.

Eventually, she was employed to transfer on to a mainframe computer data collected for a survey.

Various wrangles took place and Rose resigned. Unable to find a job in social research she realized that she had actually liked working with a computer – despite all the headaches.

Friends suggested that instead of trying to enter traditional mainframe computing, she should go into micros, a relatively new field in which no one would be expected to have 20 years' experience. Rose found herself spending quite a lot of time in the showroom of the company where she bought her computer.

She said: "I had constant problems and was always going to them for help with all kinds of things, including programming. I criticized the manuals they produced and explained what I was trying to do.

"They saw that my concern for the customer was a useful way of approaching sales and marketing – and they needed someone to organize a software list for them. So precisely a year after I had first walked into their shop they offered me a job."

Rose's message to women thinking of a computer career is not to dilly-dally too long. She points out: "At the moment, women can break into micro-computing with few qualifications and little experience. Such a situation never lasts long. Soon the schools and the right training courses will be producing enough people to take on the challenge of computing.

"Unorthodox entries will then be less easy. Women will not have a scarcity value in the industry. The road to success and interesting jobs will be a stonier one."

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Benn the bomb?

Tony Benn's decision to stand in next week's shadow cabinet elections puts Neil Kinnock on the spot. The Labour leader faces the awful prospect, if Benn is successful, of having to make him his defence spokesman. Benn – an unconditional unilateralist who wants all American bases on British soil closed down and British troops withdrawn from Ulster – has more cabinet and government experience than any colleague except Denis Healey. Tradition suggests that he would therefore have to be offered a senior portfolio, and only one is now free. Barring a major reshuffle of a still fresh team, Kinnock would have little choice but to give him defence – recently vacated by, right-winger John Silkin.

● **Security at the House of Commons has not improved since the Brighton bomb. A Labour MP's research assistant tells me he walked in unhindered yesterday by flashing his London Transport photo pass.**

Just flowing

Now we know the secret of Michael Heseltine's fiery rhetoric. Keith Hampson, his former PPS, explained in court yesterday that on the evening of May 3 he met friends in the Marquis of Granby pub in Smith Square and drank "what we called 'Brain Damage' – that is draught Bass. There were five of us and we had a round each". Thus fortified, the jury heard, Dr Hampson left the pub and went back to work on a Heseltine speech.

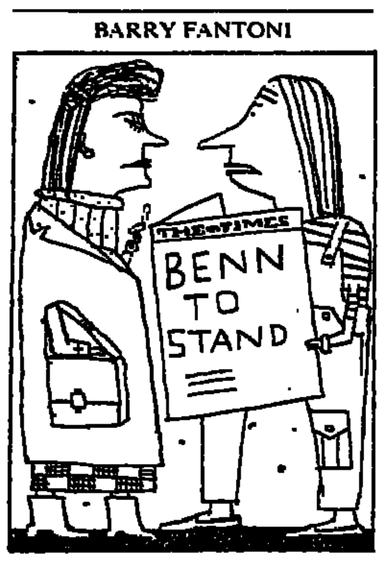
Cowardy mustard

A riposte has finally emerged to two scathing attacks by Graham Greene on Noel Coward's work which the *Spectator* published in 1941. Eleven years after Coward's death, Methuen are to publish his *Collected Verse* containing the hitherto unknown *Ballad of Graham Greene*: "Was ever a mind so mean / That could have vented – so shrilly vented / Such quantities of spleen ... Oh there's many a bitter smile my boys / And many sneer obscene / When any critic – a first rate critic / Becomes a 'Might have been' / Through being as harsh as Jesuitic / As Mr Graham Greene." Strangely, after such polemic, the two later became friends, and Coward appeared in the 1959 film of *Our Man In Havana*.

Fine print

To shouts of "scab" and "bitch" on Tuesday night, brown and purple paint bombs were hurled at the home of Irene McGibbon, the Kent working miner's wife who won a standing ovation from the Tory conference for condemning the strike. The attack, which Mrs McGibbon says left her eighteenth-century cottage looking like "a condemned slum", was not entirely unexpected. Last Saturday the communist *Morning Star* published an article which disparagingly described the launch of her Miners' Wives Back-to-Work Campaign, and continued: "Interested miners can contact her at ...", giving her full address. Mrs McGibbon says she cannot recall any other national paper publishing an address right down to the number of the house, and she knows of no moderate miners who read the *Morning Star*. A complaint is on its way to the Press Council.

BARRY FANTONI



'Neville says he's just a shadow of his former cabinet'

Beknighted

James Mancham, president of the Seychelles until his overthrow in 1977, has taken out British citizenship – with odd ramifications. On Seychelles Independence Day in 1976 he received an honorary KBE, but only honorary as he belonged to a republic. Now, as a British citizen, he can apply to have his knighthood made substantive and become Sir James Mancham. So delighted was he when I told him this yesterday that he immediately asked for Downing Street's telephone number. But his change of citizenship also has its drawbacks. Expatriate Seychellois, members of Le Mouvement pour la Resistance, will demonstrate outside their High Commission in London today against the excesses of the government of Mancham's usurper, the socialist Albert René, but they will not – as in the past – call for Mancham's reinstatement. His change of citizenship is "an insult to our people," says MPR's leader Gerard Hoareau. "We can no longer recognize him as our head of state".

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The pound: 1976 and all that

by Sarah Hogg

No two economic dramas are ever the same. But yesterday the bells of coincidence began to ring rather loudly in London. Before lunch, as the Chancellor was editing his speech to the City, the pound's value against all other major currencies fell briefly to 74.2 on the Bank of England's trade-weighted index. That was precisely its closing value on the worst day of the Callaghan-Healey sterling crisis – October 28, 1976.

The pound's exchange rate against the dollar has long fallen below its lowest point in 1976. On that same October day eight years ago, sterling closed at $1.57, before rebounding 4½ cents the following morning. But, as the Chancellor never tires of reminding us, the dollar is today uniquely strong, buoyed up by the high interest rates necessary to finance the US federal deficit.

Hence the Treasury's valiant attempts to divert attention to sterling's trade-weighted value against a whole basket of currencies, renamed the "sterling index" and calculated more frequently, in an effort to oust the dollar exchange rate from star billing. But this week the sterling index has been plainly registering sterling's weakness too.

The index is, of course, still heavily influenced by the dollar, which makes up a quarter of its weight. So a new lodestar is emerging: sterling's exchange rate against Europe's most important currency. And here, as the charts show, 1984 does tell a different story: although the pound fell against the D-mark early in the year, for the past six months it has been oscillating around 3.80 D-marks. In 1976, it fell uniformly against the D-mark and the dollar.

Nevertheless, in the worst hours of yesterday, the pound plunged against the D-mark too. The causes are rather different from what they were in 1976.

Britain was then a textbook case for the International Monetary Fund. Government borrowing had reached a peak, in 1975-76, of 11½ per cent of gross national product. (By comparison, this year's IMF basket case – Argentina – is currently running a budget deficit of only about 7½ per cent). Britain's money supply was growing, during the summer, at an annual rate of over 20 per cent. There was a current account deficit on the balance of payments that at the time seemed enormous – though statisticians' subsequent revisions have made it clear that Britain was already swinging towards the surplus that would be generated by North Sea oil.

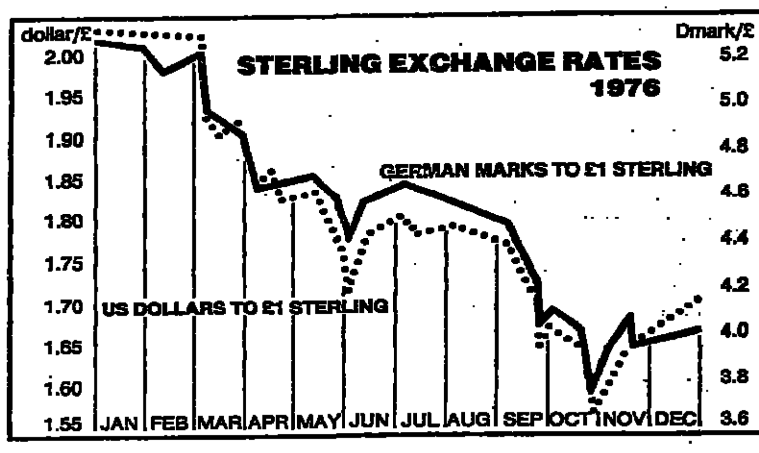
Whether or not the IMF's presciption was tailor-made for the economy as a whole, it certainly seemed to work wonders for the exchange rate. By the end of 1976, the pound was up to $1.70; by the end of Labour's rule, it was well over two dollars. Because the pound's recovery coincided not only with the development of North Sea oil but also with a bout of dollar weakness, it eventually rose to over $2.40.

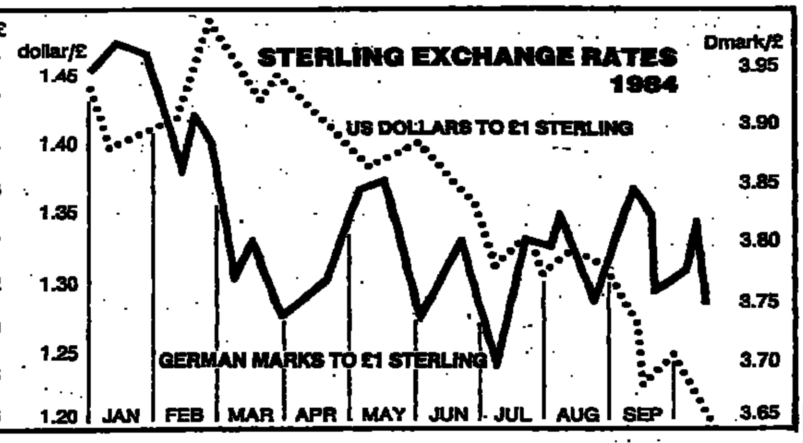
Against the D-mark, sterling's rise was somewhat less meteoric. By the end of 1978, it stood at 3.71D-marks – much where it was yesterday morning. Between these two points, however, it did rise to over 4.80 D-marks in early 1981.

But why did sterling start to fall again? In 1981, because the British government, which realized it had screwed its monetary policy too tightly, had then cut interest rates. The exhange-rate pendulum began to swing in the other direction – and very welcome it was too. Then other forces combined to give it momentum. First, the emerging strength of the dollar. Then, in 1983-84, the weakness of oil prices. Added to that as the economy swung into deficit on manufactured trade were worries about Britain's ability to earn a living without oil. This year, the Bank of England stretched the elastic between British and American interest rates, in reflection of the Government's belief that weakness in Britain's economic recovery could be blamed not on budgetary policy but on unduly high interest rates. Lastly, darkening the whole picture, came the coal strike.

We have only seen act one of this particular economic drama. But two conclusions can be drawn. First, that just as in 1976, the markets seem to take a curiously short-sighted view of the oil market. In 1976, North Sea development was already well under way; yet the foreign exchange markets did not seem to discover Britain's oil bonus until a blinding revelation at the end of the year. In 1984, the weakness in the oil markets has been equally apparent for many months; yet the markets were still alarmed by news of a North Sea price cut.

But the second conclusion highlights a major difference between these two years. It is not only because of the almighty strength of the dollar that the pound has moved closer to the D-mark; it is because policy is, however slowly and half-heartedly, binding us closer to Europe. The financial markets recognize this; it is only when sterling weakens against the D-mark that they display widespread symptoms of anxiety. Does the Government accept this logic too?





Clifford Longley on the demolition of the brain-washing myth

So this is what makes a Moonie click

There is no belief so bizarre, no creed so incredible, that decent, intelligent, educated and sane individuals cannot be persuaded of its truth. This may be an unhappy fact about the human race, but to deny it is to shirk reality. Denying it, in fact, is the very mother and father of religious intolerance: it leads to the conclusion that if your beliefs are (to me) daft, there must be something wrong with you, and you need to be cured.

There is, on the face of it, nothing quite as daft as believing that a certain Korean clergyman is God's appointed Messiah whose divine mission is to usher in the Kingdom of Heaven by way of vanquishing communism. And it is not surprising that those who have not grasped my opening concept will jump quickly to the conclusion that those believers cannot be in their right minds. Those very people, called Moonies, were once known by friends and parents as particularly "ordinary, decent, intelligent, educated and sane."

Eileen Barker of the London School of Economics, who has played a sometimes controversial role in public controversies about the Moonies, has reached a conclusion even crueller than that. She set about to discover precisely what becoming a Moonie was all about, and it led her to the result that certain personality types are especially predisposed to accept the Unification Church on encountering it.

It has very little to do with "brain-washing," she concluded, but a great deal to do with the possession of qualities which, in other contexts, look respectable and desirable. In short, it appeals to clean-living, decent young people, precisely the type who was head of house or head of the school, very often a public school. Very often they were the favourite child of their parents; very often the home they came from was warm and happy ... and religious.

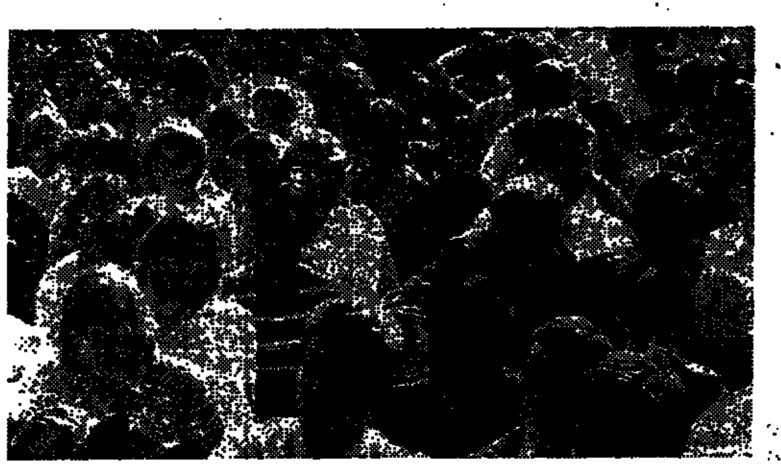
It is hard not to be moved by the poignancy of the parent's reactions when discovering that their so promising and attractive son or daughter has dedicated his or her life to a cause which an ordinary, middle-class, rather conservative parent must think totally ludicrous ... "and after all we've done for him!"

Miss Barker, who has previously made no secret of her strenuous opposition to the "brain-washing" thesis, thus colliding with the *Daily Mail* and a High Court jury on this point, stumbled across this uncomfortable truth about the Moonie phenomenon more or less by accident.

She describes in her new book presenting her research findings, *The Making of a Moonie* (Blackwell, £12), how she was designing a 41-page questionnaire to give to those attending a Moonie recruiting session or "workshop." Her plan was to follow up the session to see who ultimately joined and who did not; then to check with the questionnaires to see how the two groups differed, if at all.

Her questions included a list of "life goals" – success in career, improving the world, spiritual fulfilment, and so on. More or less as an afterthoght she added a space for "Don't knows" – expressed in life-goal terms as "Something but did not know what." And the response from the Moonies was astonishing. She had found the "discriminator" between joiners and non-joiners. From the joiners the questionnaires came back with "YES!!" written in the "Don't know" section; from the non-joiners, with "WHAT??" or even "Bloody silly question." And from the tables she publishes in the book, it is clear that this, more than any other factor, decides who will join and who will not. And so one has to add, to the unhappy list of respectable virtues tending towards Moonie membership, "open-minded idealism."

Miss Barker has also dealt rather a blow to the Moonies' enemies, though she is herself not their friend. She studied closely – probably more closely than any outsider has ever done – what exactly goes on at the notorious workshops for potential recruits, the places where brain-washing happens if it happens at all. She says she did not find it, and we have not only her word but also her tables to prove it.



Fresh-faced, clean-cut – and searching for some real purpose in life

The workshops are in fact pretty inefficient at converting people, with a success rate of only about 10 per cent. Brain-washing should be made of sterner stuff. In fact from all those visiting Unification centres, only about 0.005 per cent will join and still be members two years later. It is tiny.

Miss Barker found that the workshops were actually more efficient in leading those who attended them to join other religions, including the mainstream ones, than in enticing people into the Unification Church. The key to deciding who joined and who did not was what the individuals brought with them to these sessions in their own personalities, not what happened to them once they were there. They were, so to speak, already "ripe" for the Moonie harvesters to pluck.

But they were not – and this is Miss Barker's most important discovery – abnormal; and it is no reflection on a parent to have produced one. The "Where did we go wrong?" question can be laid to rest, which may be some comfort to many troubled parents. They may be consoled, also, be the remarkably high rate of lapse. When a young person joins the Moonies, the odds are high that he or she will not stay.

There is no consolation in Miss Barker's work, however, for those who would heap on the Moonies' shoulders all the ills of a sick society, the scapegoat syndrome. The truth is that in their early twenties many young men and women are looking for an idealistic alternative to rat-race consumerism; and it is extraordinarily easy for any single-minded individual or group – secular or religious, left or right, desirable in popular view or undesirable – to catch them for itself. It is not society's failure that this is so: on the contrary a society which produced no young idealists would be dying.

Peter Nichols on the accomplishments – and criticisms – of the Pope's first six years

A firm grip on the boarding pass

Rome

Pope John Paul II is about to begin the seventh year of his pontificate. He is known to feel that it is flourishing.

Slimmmer than when he was elected in October 1978 and, despite a certain aging, he nevertheless looks fitter than before Ali Agca shot him in the stomach on May 13, 1981 in St Peter's Square.

The leading place on the international stage which he achieved as soon as he was elected has meant that Roman Catholics throughout the world have felt proud because they have so spectacular a pontiff. Non-Catholics are impressed by his personality and his insistence on human rights. He is a master with crowds and his purely physical presence is now reaching the proportions of a cult.

He has set himself the task of being ubiquitous, moving throughout the Catholic world so that he is the ultimate symbol of unity and visible to all.

Morris West was one of the first well known Catholics to come out in print with a series of reasoned criticisms of the Pope (in *The Australian*); his principal point of attack being that the Pope was constantly travelling the world, and is remote as could be up there in the sky from the personal worries and anxieties of the humbler, earthbound faithful. But the Pope himself had already anticipated that line of criticism. The *Annuario Pontificio*, or Pontifical Yearbook, lists all the Popes from Peter to Karol Wojtyla. Only the last, or John Paul II to give him the name he chose as Pope, had written after his title "Universal Pastor of the Church."

This is not one of the official titles of the Pope, unlike that of "Successor of the Prince of the Apostles", or "Patriarch of the West", or "Servant of the servants of God", it is something which he himself added to make quite clear that his intention was to be everyone's point of orientation as well as the discipliner of those whose concept of the church was different from his. He has proved the opposite of a centraliser in that he regularly takes the centre – himself – out into the farflung provinces as the Church's unifying factor. The geographical centre suffers. Complaints are constant at the Vatican that the Pope is too often away, or planning a journey, and has neither the time not interest for ordinary administration. Or for the bank scandal.

Is this a way of being Pope that can be made to work? One of the most eminent prelates in Rome recently commented that one of the difficulties in trying to bring the Catholic Church nearer to the Eastern Orthodox was that the Catholic Church was becoming increasingly regionalised while the chronically disunited Orthodox was looking for some centre of authority. The Pope does not fit into that analysis at all. He places unity before variety while the Orthodox, of course, see the papacy as one of the greatest obstacles to unity. Pope John Paul II is increasing prominent, so making matters worse.

Suppose that John Paul II's tragic predecessor had survived to be Pope for a long time, instead of only 33 days. The first John Paul was unassuming, totally pastoral and exactly the type of pope who seemed to be in the context of a less formidable, less *authoritarian* Catholic Church.

The contrast between John Paul I and his successor is illustrated by this story from a cardinal who took part in the election of both men. "After John Paul I's election, all the cardinals went one by one in the Sistine Chapel to kiss the new Pope. As I embraced him, I thanked him for taking such a heavy job and his reply was: 'Perhaps I should have said no after all'." The next morning the same cardinal saw the Pope emerge from his cell within the conclave and asked him if he had an untroubled sleep. "No", was the reply, "I was troubled all night by doubts." In little more than a month he was dead.

The conclave reconvened and John Paul II emerged with not a sign of doubt beyond a moment of self-questioning on the possible disadvantages to the church of a pope from a communist-ruled country. But once over that brief reflection, he drank a glass of champagne with the cardinals, and chinked glasses as well with the kitchen staff as a presage of the extraordinary success he would have with the crowds.

There are many ways of looking at him after six years bcause he is a complex man. He places great weight on the fact that he is history's first Slav Pope and much of his thinking is devoted not only to his native Poland, but to the need to reinstate Eastern Europe as an essential part of the continent. He assumes that it has made a cultural contribution through its Christian roots common to East and West. This is the basis – and not the Vatican's traditional style of patient diplomacy – of his approach to the East. As one of his advisers said: "He is a prophet, and prophets do not make much use of diplomatic channels."

Some see him as too immersed in the problems of sex and personal morality. He is constantly referring to the encyclical *Humanae Vitae* with which Paul VI reiterated the ban on artificial contraception. Once Paul VI had issued his encyclical he practically never returned to the subject, but John Paul II is capable of raising it again and again at his regular Wednesday audience. He is more extreme in his teaching than *Humanae Vitae* as well as loquacious. One prelate saw this insistence as prooof that the Pope sees sexuality and human love as the centre of human behaviour that must be properly regulated. This interpretation says more for the Pope's own psychology than the problems birth control, divorce and celibacy raise for others.

David Watt

Arms: let Europe speak even louder

Chancellor Kohl of West Germany and President Ceaucescu of Romania have just issued a joint declaration, after their ludicrously pretentious meeting in Bonn, to the effect that the Russians are bound to come back to the negotiating table to talk about disarmament after the American elections. For what it is worth, they are probably right – for reasons that have been discussed in this column before.

Nevertheless, it takes two to tango; and the key question for the Western alliance at present is whether the new American administration will give these "touchstone" negotiations any higher priority than the last one did. When I was in Washington a couple of weeks ago, one of the talking points of the town was the latest piece of American investigative journalism – Strobe Talbott's book, *Deadly Gambits* (shortly to come out over here), which tells the inside story of the Reagan administration's previous arms control negotiations with the Russians and the fierce and tortuous bureaucratic struggles associated with them within the American government. It paints a thoroughly disturbing picture of an administration badly split by jealousies and doctrinal disputes, of secretaries of state and defence abdicating in favour of powerful subordinates, and above all a president totally unwilling or incompetent to understand the difficult issues at stake.

The question of whether the Russians were ever really prepared to compromise to reach a deal on cruise and Pershing is unanswerable, but Talbott, who is the diplomatic correspondent of *Time* magazine and displays no particular signs of political bias, establishes a strong case that, as a result of the vacuum at the top, American policy was in the end made by the ideological hard-liners unwilling to put the question to the test. They had a strong emotional stake in believing the Soviet Union must be negotiating in bad faith and were therefore determined that the American negotiation should, in effect, be in bad faith too. They judged mutual interest between the superpowers to be non-existent and thus decided that agreement on any realistic terms was actually undesirable.

At least three important practical conclusions emerge from Talbott's book. First it is clear (if anyone doubted it) that what is wrong with President Reagan is not so much to do with his age but the narrow scope of his interests; the limits of his intellect and his indolence.

The second moral is that if the president is not prepared to take a line in these matters, the outcome will depend crucially, Washington being what it is, on the interaction of two other factors – one the fortuitous arrangement of personalities in the Washington firmament, and the other the supremely hard-headed (some might say supremely cynical) perception of public opinion entertained at any given time by the president's political "minders".

Finally there is the question of the Europeans. Many people, including myself, have accused the Reagan administation of ignoring its partners abroad; and in many instances the charge is easily justified. But on the question of arms control the situation has been far more complicated. There is a real sense in which the allies have themselves been able to take advantage of the policy-making chaos at the centre. Both the Carter and Reagan governments were attempting, in their employment of cruise, to meet European (and especially West German) fears of Soviet SS20s. Political pressure from the allies (as well as from Congress) in 1981-82 forced the administration to enter negotiations with the Russians in the first place; and further pressure forced it to modify its stance in 1983.

How does all this look today? In the first place there is no sign that the personal and institutional framework in Washington is going to be any different after next month. It will still take a major miracle to give election to Mondale and nothing will turn Reagan into an alert, hard-working president. So far as personalities are concerned there is an infinity of rumours about who is likely to be in and who out, but none envisages a clear-out that would produce a radical change of assumptions in the field of East-West relations. Reagan will almost certainly stick to favourites, perhaps in a slightly different order. This may or may not catapult Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick or Mr Richard Perle (the two most notorious hawks) into seats of greater power than at present but it is unlikely to eliminate their views. Meanwhile, in Congress, we must prepare for the possibility that Senator Charles Percy, the present moderate Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, will be defeated in Illinois, and his place taken by the hardest right-winger of them all, Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina.

In these circumstances the two factors most likely to impose some flexibiity on American foreign policy in a second Reagan term are public opinion and European pressure. It is hard to judge what the first of these will produce. It has, of course, already produced the following remarkable exchange in the president's recent interview with *US News and World Report*. **Q:** "Some people say you will immediately return to a hard, unyielding line with the Soviets if you're re-elected. Would you?" **Reagan:** "No. No. No way, because I happen to believe that if there's any commonsense in the world at all we should not only reduce nuclear weapons, we should eliminate them".

The shallowness of this reply is breathtaking, but at least the conversion, so artlessly admitted, represents a political calculation that may endure for some time. As for the allies, we shall see. There is growing momentum to the European movement aimed at strengthening European political and defence co-operation; the meetings this month and next between Mrs Thatcher and President Mitterrand, and the first ministerial meeting of the revived Western European Union are the most prominent of a series this autumn where the question of how to deal collectively with the Americans is high on the agenda. A second Reagan administration will find the European voice even more insistent than the first did.

Philip Howard

Thanks Moses, you were a real Brit

Contrary to the slogans and the ranting, Britain seems to me remarkably free of racialism, or racism if you must, compared with most countries from the Soviet Union to the United States. You could say that the national genius of the big offshore island lies in absorbing continual waves of new immigrants, from the round-headed Beaker Folk and those terrifying first Italian immigrants to later arrivals, adapting what seems best in their languages and customs, and adopting them as true Brits. We are the mongrel race, English is the putty language.

Of course prejudice and racial discrimination and violence exist in dimmer parts of the island. The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers once had a Jewish member called Nathanson; but he died (of boredom with the company, I should think). And there are worse forms of discrimination than not being allowed to play ball with the pompous nobs of Edinburgh. Sometimes it takes a long time. It took us two centuries to tame the Hurray Henry horsemen from Normandy. But, disappointing as it is to the fanatics and the insecure thickies, the English cannot afford to be intolerant of other races, since our own racial origins are so magnificently mixed.

Next Wednesday we celebrate the 200th birthday of the man who by his life forced Brits to treat Jews as equal human beings and equal Brits. Moses Montefiore was born on October 24, 1784. At that time Jews in England were third-class citizens, hancuffed by many legal, civil, and social disabilities. By the time he died nearly 101 years later they had been unshackled from everything except the residual blind prejudice of the silly and the envious.

Montefiore demonstrated by his life that it was possible to be both a passionate Jew and a passionate Englishman. Medieval prejudice stereotyped Jews as mean, avaricious, revengeful, and untrustworthy Shylocks. Moses was a walking example of a Jew who was generous, patriotic, philanthropic, stylish, and eccentric; the last an important Shibboleth for the English. Victoria made him the first Jewish baronet. When he was made High Sheriff of London, the Queen sent him a present of a deer. Moses accepted gratefully, but insisted that the animal be slaughtered by kosher rules.

Having made his pile and blown down the Jericho walls of the Stock Exchange by the age of 40, Moses retired and devoted his last 60 years to helping those who had not done so well in the little battle of life. He became a roving unofficial ambassador, with the authority of Queen Victoria behind him, on behalf of persecuted Jews in other countries, addressing the Sultan of Morocco, the Tsar, and even the Pope with the majestic self-assurance of a true Englishman.

We are about to celebrate the memory of good old Sir Moses with appropriate civic and religious ceremonies. It is a week for the English who are not Jews to blow the ram's horn of jubilee for Moses, and for the disproportionate and distinguished contribution made to our national life by Jews in all departments from the Cabinet down.

It would be foolish to pretend that there are no differences between races; although the glory of being human is that individual exceptions always arise. If I were picking a world basket-ball team to take on visitors from Mars, I should concentrate on Sudanis, Nilotics, and other predominantly tall races, rather than Bushmen, who seldom grow taller than five feet. If I were looking for fast bowlers, I should start in the West Indies.

The Jews are not a separate race. But if you want to be racialist about them, you could say that it is quite extraordinary how many Jews are brilliant musicians, chess-players, philosophers, mathematicians, novelists, and intellectuals generally. I dare say that you can attribute some of this to cultural, and social, and religious influences. But I sometimes wonder whether there may not be something in the genes. This makes me a racialist. But at least I am in good company. The Old Fellow himself said: "Ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people." Next week we non-Jews thank our lucky stars for our own dear English Jews.

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CUT-PRICE OIL

It is doubtful whether the $1.35 per barrel cut in the British National Oil Company's official price for prime North Sea crude oil should have made such a dramatic contribution to the current sterling crisis. Taken by itself, the cut would indeed cost the Government roughly £600m a year in revenue.

Since our oil is priced in dollars, however, this only partly offsets the gain of more than £1 billion brought about by the previous fall in the pound against the dollar since the Treasury forecast a £10 billion revenue from oil in the current financial year. Moreover, these two movements are intimately connected. Despite resistance in some markets, the price of oil to most users around the world has risen sharply since it was fixed in dollar terms in March 1983 because of the headlong rise in the dollar against most other currencies. This created gluts based on movements in relative curencies rather than the interplay of supply and demand. For oil prices to adjust to such wide movements in the dollar should be seen as a sign of stability in oil markets rather than the reverse.

On similar grounds, it would be foolish to exaggerate the net effects on British output or our balance of payments, although Britain undoubtedly loses out relatively to countries such as Germany or Japan which rely almost wholly on oil imports.

It may be bad luck that the latest blow has come just at the time when the collapse of coal talks had already left sterling groggy on the ropes. But it is no coincidence that sterling has become unjustifiably vulnerable to such dollar oil price adjustments. And that is almost entirely of our own making.

It is the peculiar framework for pricing North Sea crude oil that has pushed our price adjustments so prominently into the world market spotlight three times in the past nineteen months.

Given the impracticality of setting a fixed price in one currency at a time of such instability in foreign exchange markets, Opec has at least operated its chosen cartel system with some logic. Producers decided to adjust their production to make the sums come out right and when some members of the cartel failed, under domestic pressures, to do the decent thing, the dominant producer, Saudi Arabia, took over the prime role of output regulator. Even so, Opec members have increasingly been forced to cheat against their own rules as the free market for oil has taken on a much larger and more powerful influence. This inevitable upsurge in the market mechanism has however made far more impact on the illogical hybrid pricing systems adopted by Britain and Norway.

The BNOC uses its right to buy and trade 51 per cent of our North Sea output to set a price for long-term contracts. This enabled the British Government to promise not to rock Opec's boat in March 1983, thus helping to protect government revenues. But as the August crisis showed, BNOC has no effective control over the oil companies' output from the North Sea and no control over the 49 per cent of output it does not trade. Hence BNOC is far more at the mercy of the spot market than Opec and, as Norway was first to admit, has been forced to use the spot market increasingly to sell the output it buys from the oil companies at a loss.

Britain and Norway have therefore unwittingly set themselves up as the first dominoes in the row. Opec prices can soon be expected to adjust, although they may not have to cut their prices so much, since technical advances have eroded the premium for prime North Sea oil.

The Government could rapidly remove Britain from the oil price spotlight if it wished by the simple device of abolishing the BNOC. Its function of stabilizing prices is now shown to work, if at all, only when prices are rising. Its reserve role of ensuring supplies for Britain in times of crisis could just as easily be performed by direct government emergency powers. If BNOC is to be retained, it would make more sense to price its contracts on a market-related formula. But why should Britain want to retain such an artificial and counterproductive curb on the development of the free market? The old argument that the spot market was too volatile no longer applies as ever more of the world's oil trade has switched from fixed price to market-related contracts. In a period when currencies cannot be relied on, the free market in crude oil should be encouraged as the best likely source of stability.

THE EXORBITANT COST OF JUSTICE

Civil litigation in this country is now inordinately expensive. The Lord Chancellor has promised a "complete and systematic review of civil procedure", one of the aims of which will be to reduce the costs of the present system, but it will probably be some years before this produces concrete results. In the meantime the opportunity should be taken to overhaul our system of civil legal aid.

Reform of legal aid was one of the themes touched upon by Sir John Donaldson, the Master of the Rolls, in an important speech given to the Law Society conference yesterday. One point he made was that although the moderately well off person is ineligible for legal aid, he is in no position to undertake substantial litigation on his own and is therefore much worse off than a person of more limited means who has the resources of the State at his disposal.

Sir John called for a new approach. The test of financial eligibility for legal aid should not, he suggested, be solely dependent on the means of the applicant (as at present) but should also take into account the likely cost of the litigation. There would be no ultimate limit to eligibility. The test in every case would be whether the applicant was prevented from enforcing or defending his legal rights by lack of means. The effect would be that people outside the present financial limits would continue to finance smaller cases out of their own resources but would have the right to assistance in particularly expensive actions, subject to a sliding scale of financial contributions towards the cost.

This proposal makes sense. It would, of course, require funding, but this problem should not be exaggerated. In his speech, Sir John identified a number of possible methods of raising the additional finance, including the payment of more realistic financial contributions by those at present eligible for legal aid. Statistics show that legally aided litigants have a high success rate, and accordingly a significant proportion of the additional outlay will in any event be recovered either out of an order for costs against the unsuccessful party or out of the fruits of the litigation.

Quite apart from the inflexible nature of the financial criteria for legal aid, the system in its present form creates glaring injustices. Its worst victim is the unassisted litigant who has the misfortune to find himself against a legally aided party. If he wins the case, he is highly unlikely to get any worth-while order for costs against the loser, who is usually not worth powder and shot. He ought, of course, to be entitled to have his costs paid by the legal aid fund, which caused his loss by financing the unsuccessful party; but the terms of the legal aid scheme deny him that right altogether if he was the one who brought the action, and even if he was the defendant they only permit an order for costs against the legal aid fund if he can show severe financial hardship.

The result is that a private litigant faced with a legally aided opponent is at the latter's mercy. There are compelling economic arguments for the unassisted party to settle even the most unmeritorious claim against him, because the impossibility of recovering costs in the event of success is all too likely to make any victory a pyrrhic one. This is not the fault of the legal aid authorities, because they must decide whether to grant legal aid on the basis of what they are told about the case by the applicant. The fault lies with the grossly unfair rule about costs and, in a more profound sense, with the grossly inflated cost of litigation caused by high fees.

IN THE NAME OF CHARITY

Poverty abounds. There is also a little bit of money for it, in the form of local charitable funds for the relief of poverty in England and Wales, lying idle, or badly managed, or ineffectively applied because of its pitifully wasted value. The full facts are hard to get at because of the absence of public accountability at the small and numerous end of the spectrum of charities – of the 144,000 registered charities only about 10,000 render accounts to the Charity Commission, although all are under an obligation to do so.

A select committee of the House of Lords paints a disturbing picture of ineffectiveness attributable to lack of supervision, inefficiency, obsolescence of the object of the charity, or the penny packets to which many charities have been reduced by inflation and mismanagement of the endowment. Some just go to sleep. The county review in Humberside in 1978 found 120 inactive charities with balances of accumulated income of over £100,000.

The Lords committee comes into the picture because of two private members' Bills before the House applying their respective remedies. The committee has examined them both, approved neither, and advanced its own considered proposals for legislation.

The proposals are for making effective the obligation to present accounts and have them publicly available; for a "DIY" scheme enabling small charities to amalgamate under the general supervision of the Charity Commission; and for relaxation of the cy-près doctrine in the case of local charities for relief of poverty.

The cy-près doctrine, a product of the common law, was developed to meet the case of charities which have become inoperable because their purpose has disappeared, or can no longer be achieved, or has ceased to be a legitimate object of charity. The income may then be diverted to another charitable purpose as near as practicable to the original intention of the donor. The procedure is cumbersome and restrictive, for the law has rightly been concerned not to break faith with the charitable dead, however how long dead; and public policy should beware of discouraging charitable donation by posthumous tinkering in disregard of the donor's expressed intentions. Any relaxation of the cy-près doctrine would have to be carefully monitored by the Charity Commission.

That introduces an aspect of the matter which the select committee did not feel qualified to go into: the adequacy of the Charity Commission. Plainly it has not been given the resources to fulfil its task. The lamentable facts gathered in this report are testimony of that. But more, the commission, a body with judicial and administrative functions, has entertained a "strict constructionist" and somewhat passive conception of its role; witness the rather heated exchange between the Attorney General and the Commissioners about the latter's alleged inactivity in regard to the Unification Church (Moonies).

There is place for a supervisory body to effect reforms *ambulando*. The commission does a bit of that, but it is not exactly interventionist, any more than the Registrar of Friendly Societies was an agent for reform of the trade unions. Amending legislation as proposed by this committee of peers would be useful. It would be more useful if accompanied by new guidelines, and resources, for the Charity Commission.

VAT on books

From Mr Michael S. Moss

Sir, Mr Victor Sutcliffe (October 11) is naive in supposing that it is easy for an author of an academic book (doctorate thesis or no) to have his work published. Many publishers calculating that sales will be small and profits marginal, if not non-existent, demand subsidies from the authors before they will proceed.

With my own book, written with Edwin Green, *A Business of National Importance*, about Lord Kylsant's Royal Mail Shipping Group (published 1982), the publishers required us to raise £3,500 before the book became a viable proposition. Such demands, particularly in the arts and social science fields, are not unusual. The imposition of VAT would only make them more common and the sums larger.

Mr Sutcliffe is deluded in believing that academic institutions can any longer Hoover up every serious book. Throughout the world institutions of higher education are living in reduced circumstances on tight budgets. In this country a 15 per cent increase in the price of books would simply result in a 15 per cent cut in library budgets already pared to the bone.

Similar cuts in the inter-war years have left many provincial libraries bereft of important runs of journals and newspapers which can now only be consulted in London.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL S. MOSS,
University Archivist,
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October 11.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Youth service activity in the US

From Dr Alec Dickson

Sir, Having only just returned from looking at endeavours in America to develop conservation and service programmes for young people, may I comment on what *The Times* has been publishing on this theme over the last three weeks?

First, the will to act – and succeed. In January this year Mayor Koch advocated a national service programme for New York City, starting with one thousand 18-year-olds. Today the budget has been voted, headquarters staff assembled, recruiting is under way and first project begins in November. The Governor of New York State is formulating his plans too. What ministry or government agency in Britain has begun to think, still less to act, in this direction?

Second, the determination that these programmes – all, of course, voluntary – shall not focus only on the least fortunate, "the losers", but that they should encompass a cross-section of their young people. Who of any national distinction or decision-making status in Britain has encouraged his son or daughter to engage in work of public service alongside their unemployed peers?

Third, the proliferation of Conservation Corps programmes, so that they are being established not only by individual states but in cities like San Francisco and the East Bay area mostly with locally raised funding. Washington State, incidentally, has both a Conservation Corps and a Service Corps tackling human needs.

Fourth, the quality of leadership. The director of the San Francisco Corps is a Princeton graduate, with a PhD in education, two years of service in the Peace Corps in Iran: he has earned his living at one time as a plumber and at weekends juggles in a family circus which performs to community groups.

Fifth, recognition that the natural disasters – floods, volcanic eruptions, infestation by Mediterranean fruit fly etc – which are encountered in California and Washington State – evoke a response which reflects William James's famous plea for "the moral equivalent of war". But such dramatic situations do not occur on the east coast or in great cities. The hunt is on, therefore, for the urban counterpart of the forest fire, so that young people can feel that they are tackling urgent needs, both social and environmental.

Yours truly,
ALEC DICKSON,
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October 17.

Tridentine Mass

From Mr John Murphy

Sir, I note that there are two errors in your short report (October 16) on the lifting of the ban on the Tridentine Mass.

First, the Tridentine Mass was not banned by the second Vatican Council, but by Pope Paul VI when the normative rite was promulgated in 1969. Second, between 1962 and 1969, when the normative rite was promulgated, the tridentine rite was said predominantly in the vernacular, and therefore it is untrue to say it is always said in Latin.

Finally, Pope John Paul II has not lifted a worldwide ban since in England Cardinal Heenan obtained an indult for the use of the Tridentine Mass. Thus, the indult given to England has merely been extended to the rest of the Church.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MURPHY,
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Black gold or green?

From Mr Philip Vickers

Sir, Although John Young's Spectrum report (October 12) on hydrocarbon exploration in South-east England gave a comprehensive overview of the situation, he misleads in several instances, particularly regarding the "industrial revival" any oil yields may provide.

Professor Marion Bowley, at the "24 rural communities" meeting in Midhurst, earlier this month reported that Britain is currently exporting its oil surplus and that the Chancellor of the Exchequer was on record as saying the increase in unemployment had been contributed to by Britain exporting oil instead of manufactured goods. There will be no local benefits in terms of jobs or rates.

If such "developments" proceed the natural beauty of the South Downs and Sussex Weald will be marred for ever and an area of "outstanding natural beauty" lost both to present foreign tourists and future generations of the English.

Yours,
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Brighton: the politics and the media

From Professor Cornelius O'Leary

Sir, In his confused article, ("Message of the Brighton bomb") (October 15), Enoch Powell poses the question: "What context is it in which governments and statesmen are prepared without scruple to see murder used, if necessary, for their ends?" The plain implication of this question is that the government of the Republic of Ireland is in collusion with the IRA. To anyone who knows Dr Garret FitzGerald and his life-long struggle against the men of violence – who, of course, also threaten democracy in the Republic – this insinuation is quite absurd. To print it in *The Times* in the aftermath of the Brighton atrocity is outrageous.

Everyone who *wants* to solve the problem of governing this troubled province knows that a solution must inbolve the coming together of both sides of this divided community, through their elected representatives. Since he first inflicted himself upon Ulster ten years ago, Mr Powell has not made one constructive proposal to this end; instead he has denounced and impugned the motives of all those who are trying to do just that, especially the hard-working civil servants in the Northern Ireland Office.

That Mr Powell's arrogant, confrontationist political style suits Sinn Fein was demonstrated at the Westminster election of 1983, when, in the marginal constituency of South Down, Sinn Fein put into nomination and campaingned vigorously for a candidate with the specific purpose of taking votes from Mr McGrady of the SDLP and ensuring the return of Mr Powell. (His majority was 548; the Sinn Fein candidate secured 4,074 votes.)

Yours faithfully,
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From the Reverend D. C. Johnston

Sir, "We know that terorism is more concerned with publicity than with the tactical disciplines of war. This imposes a very special responsibility on the organs of publicity – the media – to be conscious of that narrow borderline between serving the public interest and serving the narrow publicism of murderers".

Could I suggest that the above quote from your perceptive editorial on the Brighton atrocity (October 13) could be implemented, in part, by the BBC and ITV forthwith observing a self-denying ordinance and refusing to broadcast any *interviews* with known terrorists?

For almost a decade now the Dublin Government has forbidden, by law, the transmission of any interviews with terrorists on Irish TV or radio (RTE). However, this admirable policy is severely blunted by simply switching to the BBC or ITV.

Now that the chilling enormity of the Brighton plot has been exposed, I suggest we could curtail "serving the narrow publicism of murderers" by denying terrorists any voice on our national networks – thereby, also, establishing Anglo-Irish solidarity in this desperate struggle against ruthless, but *clever*, terrorists.

Yours faithfully,
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October 15.

From Mr Peter Bruinvels, MP for Leicester East (Conservative)

Sir, Following the recent bomb outrage at Brighton it has become all the more obvious that the only way to deal with these barbaric terrorists is by making the death penalty available once again for such offences.

Some of my political colleagues may consider its return as uncivilised in today's modern society – they should remember that the IRA and terrorists worldwide are the violators of such increasingly heinous crimes.

Surely to meet these horrific murderers of innocent people, in pursuit of their own political ends, the death penalty *would* be the ultimate deterrent.

It is my intention to introduce a Bill in the next Parliamentary session to show that in Britain we will not surrender to the fear of terrorism.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BRUINVELS,
House of Commons.
October 17.

From Professor Colin Seymour-Ure

Sir, The Brighton bombing seems likely to take our political leaders one step further away from direct contact with the public. We are moving towards the sort of remoteness taken for granted in the USA. embarrassing light.

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Yours, etc,
COLIN SEYMOUR-URE,
Rutherford College,
The University,
Canterbury,
Kent.
October 16.

Sinking of Bismarck

From Mr Roy Walker

Sir, I was in the audience at a cinema in Leicester Square when the first newsreel pictures of the sinking of the Bismarck were shown, to cheers, whoops and other audible manifestations of general approval.

Then, a few rows away, a working-class woman cried out involuntarily, "Ah, but that's another thousand men will never go home to their wives". An eloquent and becoming hush of shame settled on the house.

Of course, most of the several hundred young conscripts who drowned with the Belgrano at a time when no British blood had been shed were probably both too poor and too young to be married, which rather upsets the parallel of your ironic correspondent Mr John Measures (October 16).

Yours truly,
ROY WALKER,
9 Falcon Street,
Ipswich,
October 16.

Something fishy

From Mr Robert Battersby, MEP for Humberside (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Your leader of October 10 emphasises the valuable role played by the Community Fisheries Inspectorate, in particular its recent effectiveness in exposing irregularities at Dutch ports.

Conservatives in the first directly elected European Parliament were the driving force in creating the Fisheries Inspectorate, and in establishing the necessary budgetary financing. It was also due to constant pressure from the Conservatives that the initial delays by the Commission in appointing this small inspectorate were overcome. It is, however, now obvious that the inspectorate must be expanded as the demands on it grow, especially in view of enlargement of the Community.

One of the more recent successes by the Conservatives in the new European Parliament has been to establish a regular reporting system on milk quota implementation by the Commission, and to set up a milk quota monitoring group in the Parliament.

In other areas the Conservatives have led in exposing fraud and irregularities in the olive oil sector, in pressing for a Community olive oil inspectorate, and in eliminating unfair fuel subsidies in the Dutch horticulture industry.

In conclusion I can only emphasise that it is a principle of the European Parliament's approach to Community finance that the taxpayer gets proper value for money and that his contribution is not dissipated by irregularity, fraud and corrupt abuse of the rules and regulations.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT BATTERSBY,
West Cross,
Rockshaw Road,
Merstham,
Surrey.
October 11.

For art's sake

From Mr Kenneth Pinnock

Sir, A five-line musical stave on which no notes of music can be seen, but merely the tail-end of a paper-clip: does the Arts Council's new logo (Report, October 17) convey quite the message that was intended?

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH PINNOCK,
Whitehouse,
St Martin's Avenue,
Canterbury,
Kent.
October 17.

'Silent' waters

From the Chairman of the Water Authorities Association

Sir, I must take issue with some of the implications in Mr Addison's letter to you about water authorities' board meetings (October 11).

We do, of course, differ with the Guild of British Newspaper Editors about the two specific points to which he refers – the "automatic" press conference and the advance provision to the press of a full list of items for discussion by the board. I know that the Guild feel strongly on these, and my fellow chairmen and I will be discussing the matter further at our next council meeting. I do not want to anticipate the outcome of that, but I think it is important to recognise the point from which the argument starts.

We developed, and are working to, a code of practice which, though it does not go as far as the Guild would like, owes a lot to their input at an earlier stage. It is already normal practice, under the code, for authorities to hold a press conference after a board meeting, to explain important policies and decisions taken by the boards and give an opportunity for the chairman, with other members or officers directly concerned, to be questioned in detail about them.

A list of items for discussion at the press conference is circulated in advance, and these arrangements are supplemented by a wide range of press notices and other material. I think that in this we already go a lot further than most public sector bodies and nationalised industries – let alone the private sector.

The code also covers the handling of material going to the new consumer consultative committees, and we are at one with the Guild on this aspect. The committees meet in public, and will be consulted by the authorities on major policy development. The papers sent to them by the authorities are public documents and are automatically made available to the press.

It is against this background that the Guild's concerns need to be looked at. They are afraid that my colleagues and I start from a position of trying to stifle public interest in, and understanding of, what we are doing; that is in no way the case.

Admittedly, we do not believe that, as management (as opposed to representative boards), it would be appropriate or helpful for us to meet in public or lay open the whole of our proceedings to public discussion; but, subject to this constraint, we are committed to developing and widening our communications and I think that the actions of indivudual authorities over the last year illustrate our success.

Yours faithfully.

L. HILL, Chairman,
Water Authorities Association,
1 Queen Ann's Gate, SW1.
October 16.

Reasons for dig at Maiden Castle

From the Chief Executive of English History

Sir, In his letter (*The Times*, October 13) Mr Tim Tatton-Brown, asks why the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (English Heritage) have decided to undertake a dig at Maiden Castle.

Maiden Castle is one of the most impressive hillforts in Britain and in the care of English Heritage. The proposed excavations are part of an overall programme which will coincide with the World Archaeological Congress in the UK in 1986.

It is some 50 years since Sir Mortimer Wheeler carried out his excavations. Those excavations left questions unanswered and we hope to try to answer three of them. They relate to the nature of the early prehistoric settlement on the hilltop, the sequence to the Saxon period and the extent and dating of the "war cemetery".

We plan to answer the last question by completing the excavations of the eastern entrance. No rescue archaeology funds will be diverted in order to carry out this work.

The excavations at Maiden Castle are to be part of a larger programme to repair the monument and to inform the public about it. Repair work is necessary because of erosion: erosion caused by public use, by cattle, and by the scarring and slumping of the defensive banks. We intend to draw up a repair and management scheme aimed at resolving those problems. The presentation and on-site interpretation of the monument have been non-existent.

Mr Tatton-Brown also refers to the need for re-excavation at Clarendon. That is not a site in the control of English Heritage.

Yours faithfully,
P. W. RUMBLE, Chief Executive,
English Heritage,
Historic Buildings & Monuments Commission for England,
c/o 2 Marsham Street, SW1.
October 17.

New plan for coal

From Mr L. A. Rutherford

Sir, Your leader of October 16 seeks to promote privatization of the coal industry. In particular you recommend that "opencast mines should be removed speedily from the public sector altogether". It would appear implicit in this approach that such a privatized sector should be permitted to engage in unfettered competition with deep mines.

Such a policy has undoubtedly an attractive ring on first acquaintance. However, consider the conclusions of the Commission on Energy and the Environment – *Coal and the Environment* (July -1981) – which strongly recommended that

> as older, more unprofitable deep mines are closed and more efficient and profitable operations take their place, the volume of opencast mining should be allowed to decline ..... The uniquely sensitive character of the British countryside and the high population density in much of the country would not be able to accommodate, without unwarrantable damage, a target in excess of (15 million tonnes per year).

This fixed target has now been abandoned by Government. What are the implications for national policy on coal output?

Pre-strike levels of output from both deep mines and opencast operations have led to vast overstocking. Opencast mines cannot supply all of our needs for coal. Deep mines could supply all of our needs but in the words of Sir Derek Ezra, as chairman of the NCB in 1978, "the fact is that all our extra (deep mine production) is marginal because we are a fixed cost industry and therfore every extra ton is virtually a bonus".

In short, in a period of excess capacity, bearing in mind the environmental costs of opencast mining and the value of such accessible coal as a strategic reserve, it is madness to allow a high level of opencast mining, be it privately or publicly owned, to compete with the deep mines, be they privately or publicly owned.

Yours faithfully,
L.A. RUTHERFORD,
Poplar House,
Medomsley,
Consett,
Co Durham.
October 11.

'Damage' to children

From Mr James Molyneaux, MP for Lagan Valley (Official Unionist)

Sir, The Director of the Child Research Unit at Nottingham University is reported today (October 16) as saying that it is "an established fact that in Northern Ireland children are being psychologically damaged" by the conflict.

By whom, how, and when was that "established"? The studies that I have seen have established the oppostie.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
JAMES H. MOLYNEAUX,
House of Commons.
October 16.

Lucky dog

From Mrs J. Smith

Sir, Not only is it now private health insurance for dogs (Mr [illegible], October 16) but ours makes it plain that she expects her car door to be unlocked before anyone else's.

I can only presume that she reads *The Times*.

Yours,
JULIET SMITH,
110 Frognal,
Hampstead, NW3.
October 16.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 18: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Patron of the Riding for the Disabled Association, this morning visited the Barrow Farm Group at Chelmsford and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Essex (Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis).

Her Royal Highness opened the new Riding School and was later entertained at luncheon.

In the afternoon The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited the Pony Riding for the Disabled Trust (Chairman, Dr C. Foster) at Chigwell and opened the Outdoor Riding Arena.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs Andrew Feilden, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Queen was represented by Admiral of the Fleet the Lord Hill-Norton at the Memorial Service for Admiral of the Fleet Sir Caspar John which was held in the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
The Prince of Wales this morning visited the British School of Osteopathy, Suffolk Street, SW1.

In the afternoon His Royal Highness visited the College of Health, Victoria Park Square, Bethnal Green, E2.

Major Jack Stenhouse was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 18: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Gala Performance by the Royal Ballet, of which Her Royal Highness is President, held at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, in celebration of the eightieth birthday of Sir Frederick Ashton.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 17: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, President, The Queen's Nursing Institute, was present this afternoon at the Annual Open Meeting held at the Institute of British Architects, Portland Place, London.

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

October 18: The Duke of Gloucester arrived at Heathrow airport, London, this afternoon at the conclusion of his visit to the Middle and Far East.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 18: The Duchess of Kent today visited Bristol and undertook engagements in the St Paul's area and later visited the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Clifton Park.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Alan Henderson.

The funeral service for the Hon Sir Anthony Berry, MP, will be held privately. Details of a memorial service in London will be announced later.

A memorial service for Lord Clitheroe will be held in Blackburn Cathedral tomorrow, Saturday, at 11.00 am.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Patrick Cheape will be held at St Michael's, Chester Square, on Friday, November 2, at 4 pm.

Church news

The Right Rev Dennis F Page, Suffragan Bishop of Lancaster, is to retire on April 30, 1985.

Appointments

The Rev S N H Baker, Assistant Curate of St Paul's, Tupsley, Hereford, diocese of Hereford, to be Vicar of Shinfield, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev C Beardsley, Curate of St Mark, North End, Portsea, diocese of Portsmouth, to the united benefice of Catherington with Clanfield, same diocese.

The Rev O Bonner, Honorary Curate of All Saints, Hampton, diocese of London, to be Priest-in-charge of All Saints, Twickenham, same diocese.

Canon B L H Carpenter, Team Rector of Holy Trinity with St Columba, Fareham, diocese of Portsmouth, to be Vicar of St Mary Magdalene with St Matthias and St John, Richmond, diocese of Southwark.

The Rev C G Chiplin, Assistant Curate of Thorpe-Episcopi, diocese of Norwich, to be Vicar of Highbridge, diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Rev G Crago, Religious Programmes Producer, Severn Sound Radio Station, to be also Gloucester Diocesan Communications Officer.

The Rev B Dunn, Vicar of St Barnabas, Over Darwen, diocese of Blackburn, to be Vicar of Holy Trinity, South Shore, Blackpool, same diocese.

The Rev P T Hancock, until recently Rector of St Peter, Mount Royal, City and Diocese of Montreal, Canada, to be Vicar of Holy Trinity, Northwood, diocese of London.

The Rev E R M Henderson, Assistant Curate of All Saints, Reading, diocese of Oxford, to be Assistant Curate of St Luke's, Maidenhead, same diocese.

The Rev M A Friggens, Rector of St Buryan and St Levan and Sennen, and Rural Dean of Penwith, diocese of Truro, to be Rector of St Columb and St Wenn, same diocese.

The Rev J S Keefer, Graduate Research Student of Berne, Switzerland, to be Chaplain, of Church of the Resurrection, Bucharest, Romania, diocese of Europe.

Canon D H Palmer, Anglican Chaplain of British Embassy and All Saints, Rome, diocese of Gibraltar, to be Vicar of Preston St Matthias, Brighton, diocese of Chichester.

The Rev J T Rooke to be Assistant Curate (NSM) of Bassingham Group, diocese of Lincoln.

The Rev E J Slater to be Assistant Curate (NSM) of Cherry Willingham with Greetwell, diocese of Lincoln.

Reception

St James's and The Abbey, West Malvern
The council of St James's and The Abbey gave a reception at Skinners' Hall on Wednesday, October 17th for educational agencies and authorities responsible for finding suitable secondary education, particularly for the daughters of executives serving overseas and for girls requiring sixth form education. Colonel B. A. E. Maude, chairman, presided and the headmistress, Miss J. M. Nixon, was present.

Medal for mayor

The President's Medal of the Institute of Public Relations has been awarded to Dame Mary Donaldson, the Lord Mayor of London.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr **Hartley Booth** to be a member of the Prime Minister's policy unit on a two-year appointment. He will concentrate on home policy, law and order, and environmental pollution.

Dr **Arthur Hearnden** to be the first full-time general secretary of the Independent Schools Joint council, the policy-making body for independent schools.

Mr **David Phillips**, a chief superintendent in the Lancashire constabulary, to be assistant chief constable (uniform operations) for the Greater Manchester force.

Mr **Matthew Evans** to be chairman of the English stage company at the Royal Court Theatre, in succession to Mr P. H. Newby.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tax paid):

Charrington, Mr Nicholas Daubeney, of Thursley, Surrey	£959,171
Jago, Captain John De Filek, RN (retd), of Cambridge	£566,319
Joseph, Mr Albert Salomon Wolfgang, of Hampstead, London	£644,198
Morley, Mr John Geoffrey Nicholson, of Twickenham, London parliamentary correspondent of *The Times* 1947-61	£200,500
Pick, Mrs Jessie Agnes, of Datchet, Berkshire	£309,741

Birthdays today

Mr Justice Boreham, 65; Professor Sir Robert Boyd, 62; Mr Emil Gilels, 68; Mr John Graham, 57; Mr Bernard Hepton, 59; Professor Sir Robert Jennings, 71; Mr John Le Carré, 53; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Michael Pollock, 68; Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville Stack, 65; Sir Kenneth Stoby, 81; Sir Patrick Wall, MP, 68; Mr Peter Whiston, 72.

Insurers' Company

The following have been installed as officers of the Insurers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master: Mr Julius A. S. Neave; Senior Warden: Mr Frank R. D. Holland; Junior Warden: Mr David A. Blaikie.

Memorial service

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Caspar John
The Queen was represented by Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton at a memorial service for Admiral of the Fleet Sir Caspar John held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. The Right Rev Ambrose Weekes officiated, assisted by the Rev Dr Charles Hedley, who pronounced the blessing.

Commander Sam MacDonald-Hall, RN and Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, First Sea Lord, read the lessons. Admiral Sir David Williams, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar, gave an address. Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi said the naval prayer. Sir Caspar's orders and decorations were carried to the altar by Commander P. G. Syer. Others present included:

Lady John (widow), Mr Phineas John (son), Miss Rebecca John and Miss Caroline John (daughters), Iona John (granddaughter), Mr Romilly John (brother), M and Mme W Pol (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs Vivien White (sister), Mr and Mrs Tristan de Vere Cole (half-brother and sister-in-law), Miss Amaryllis Fleming and Miss Zoe Hicks (half-sisters), Mrs Dora Hardey (sister-in-law), Mr Julius White, Mr and Mrs Ben John, Miss Sara John, Miss Anna John, Mr and Mrs George Protopapas, Miss Fenella John, Tara Getty, Mr Christopher Peachment, Mrs Sam MacDonald-Hall, and Mr and Mrs Caspar Hall.

Defence and naval attachés, Viscount and Viscountess Simon, Lady Hill-Norton, Lord Aldington (Westland Aircraft), Lady Coleridge, Lady Zuckerman, Lady Carrington, Admiral Sir Charles Madden, Bt, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Michael Pollock (representing the Order of the Bath), Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward Ashmore, Admirals Sir Hugh Martell, Sir John Treacher, Sir Peter Austin, Sir John Bush, Sir William Davis, Sir Desmond Dreyer, Sir Derek Empson (Fleet Air Arm Officers Association), Sir John Hamilton, Sir Nigel Henderson, Sir Frank Hopkins and Sir William Davis.

General Sir Roland Guy (Army Board), General Sir Charles Harington, Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Hudleston, Vice-Admirals Sir Simon Cassels, Sir Anthony Tippett, Sir Edward Anson, Sir Ronald Brockman, Sir John Cox, Sir Ian Hogg, Sir Charles Hughes-Hallett, Sir Richard Janvrin, Sir Richard Smeeton, Sir FitzRoy Talbot, Sir Allan Trewby and Sir Anthony Troup.

Air Marshal Sir Michael Knight (Air Force Board), Sir David and Lady Piper, Lady Cassidi, Sir Hugh Cubitt (Housing Corporation), Dame Margaret Drummond, Sir James Dunnett, Lady Holland-Martin, Sir Clifford Jarrett, Sir Richard Powell, Lady Rebbeck, Sir Donald and Lady Gosling, Mr Alexander Csaky and Dame Elisabeth Frink, Vice-Admiral R G A Fitch (Flag Officer 3rd Flotilla), Vice-Admiral and Mrs John Grant, Rear-Admirals A S Bolt, Royer Dick, C C H Dunlop, J A Ievers and L Middleton.

Major-General J I H Owen (representing the Commandant General, Royal Marines), Captains K A Leppard, R C Moylan-Jones (HMS Daedalus), T E Fanshawe, R C Dimmock (Director, Naval Air Warfare), W J Flindell (Royal Naval Air Station Culdrose), and George Baldwin; Commanders McKechnie (HMS Gannet), Manger (HMS Osprey) and D C B White (Fleet Air Arm Museum).

Commandant Daphne Swallow (Director, WRNS), Mr R O Dennys (High Sheriff of East Sussex), Mgr W R Brown, Mrs Thelma Cazalet-Keir, Mr Philip Zieger, Mr Noel Blakiston, Mr J N H Blelloch, Mr A Jaffray, Mr Michael Clark, Mr Robin Pooley, Mr and Mrs Michael Peacock, Mrs Ivy Taylor-Gregson, Mrs Y Ellison (Hertfordshire County Council), Mrs R Garrett (Royal Star and Garter Home), Miss J Green (Sotheby and Company), Dr S K Mansfield (Backpain Association), and representatives of the Fruiterers Company.

University news

College celebrates centenary

Wales
The University College of North Wales held a ceremony yesterday to commemorate its foundation centenary.

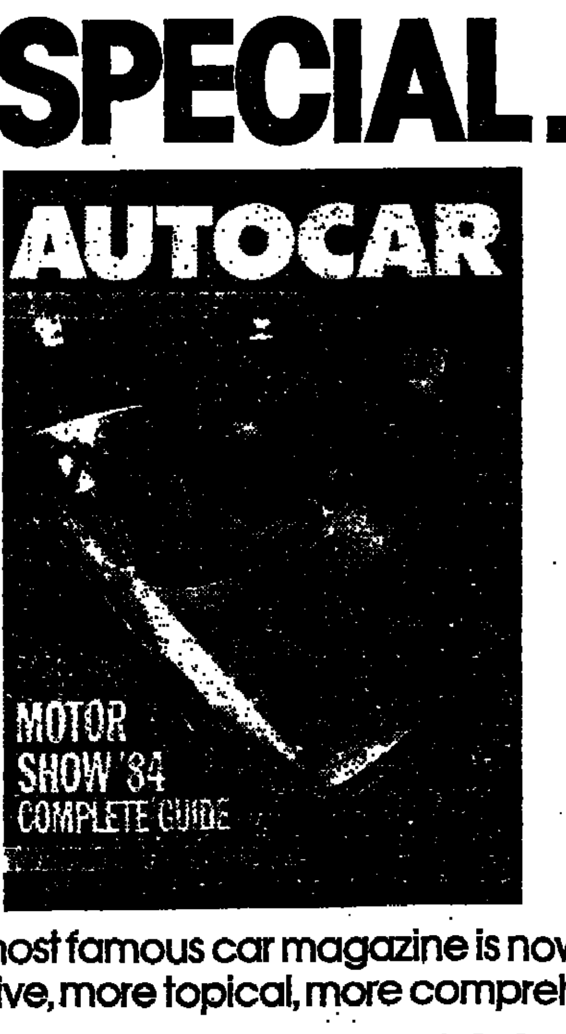
A procession of academic staff to the college's original site at the Penrhyn Arms was followed by the presentation of a ceremonial mace by the Old Students' Association.

London
Goldsmiths' College
Appointments
Lecturers: M J Baynham, MA, adult literacy and basic education; Miss H A Faust, BA, nursery education; S Grover, BA, BPhil, religious studies; Mrs L M Warren, BSc, Phd, zoology; R W Whitty, BSc, Phd, computer science.

Liverpool
Grant
Arthritis and Rheumatism Council: £43,932 to Dr P M Johnson for a study of the anti-streptococcal cell wall antibody and rheumatoid factor in rheumatoid arthritis, and their idiotypic interrelationship.

Nottingham
The Earl of Selborne, chairman of the Agricultural and Food Research Council, formally opened a £386,000 extension to the library at the university's school of agriculture at Sutton Bonington last week.

The new building, a single storey circular structure linked to the existing main library, has been provided through funds made available by the University Grants Committee, the university itself, and the Frank Parkinson Agricultural Trust.



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Forthcoming marriages

**Mr R. R. Mullings
and Miss C. P. Best**
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs John Mullings, of Pinbury Park, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, and Clare, daughter of the Hon Patrick and Mrs Best, of Monks House, Durford Wood, Petersfield, Hampshire.

**Mr A. R. Laing
and Miss F. Brooke-Hunt**
The engagement is announced between Anthony, youngest son of Sir Hector and Lady Laing, of High Meadows, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Brooke-Hunt, of New Mains, Dryburgh, Roxburghshire.

**Mr S. J. Banfield
and Miss J. A. Towler**
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Banfield, of Puddletown, Dorset, and Judith, younger daughter of Air Commodore and Mrs J. L. W. Towler, of Dorchester, Dorset.

**Mr R. M. Blackwell
and Miss B. P. Petchey**
The engagement is announced between Richard Miles, elder son of the late Mr Richard Blackwell and of Mrs Blackwell, of Tubney House, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, and Briony Patricia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Petchey, of 51 Orchard Hill, Faringdon, Oxfordshire.

**Mr T. J. T. Cant
and Miss C. J. Waldram**
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs K. A. T. Cant, of Budleigh Salterton, and Jane, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs O. J. Waldram, of Woodgreen, Hampshire.

**Mr R. T. C. Chenevix-Trench
and Miss S. J. Wykeham**
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of the late Anthony Chenevix-Trench and of Mrs Elizabeth Chenevix-Trench, of Horspath, Oxfordshire, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Wykeham, of Englefield Green, Surrey.

**Mr L. Grossman
and Miss D. Puttnam**
The engagement is announced between Lloyd, son of Mrs H. Grossman and the late Mr D. Grossman, of Marblehead, Massachusetts, and Deborah, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Puttnam, of Kensington, London.

**Mr J. R. S. Harker
and Miss H. J. Davison**
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. S. Harker, of Burton-in-Wirral, Cheshire, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. N. Davison, of Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset.

**Mr A. R. D. Hobbs
and Miss V. Hugill**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs D. W. Hobbs, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, and Vivien, daughter of Mr G. T. Hugill, of Son Servera, Mallorca and Mrs L. J. Groenendijk, of Laren, Holland.

**Mr R. Rigge
and Miss R. Wood**
The engagement is announced between Roger, younger son of Commander and Mrs J. Rigge, of Rey Francisco, Madrid, and Rosemary, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs M. D. Wood of Stapleford Lodge, Stapleford, Cambridge.

**Mr M. A. G. Matthews
and Miss R. E. S. O'Shaughnessy**
The engagement is announced, from Hongkong, between Michael Anthony Gage, eldest son of the late Major-General and Mrs F. T. G. Matthews, of Crockerton, Warminster, Wiltshire, and Randie Ellen Smith O'Shaughnessy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Newmon Smith, of Columbus, Mississippi. The marriage will take place in Hongkong in December.

**Mr A. A. Nixon
and Miss L. J. Barnes**
The engagement is announced between Anthony, youngest son of the late Mr Howard Nixon and of Mrs Nixon, of Westminster, and Josephine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Barnes, of Chichester.

**Mr P. S. A. Taylor
and Miss E. R. Woodgate**
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel P. M. A. Taylor, of Little Maplestead, Essex, and of the late Mrs E. M. H. Taylor, of Oxford, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs G. K. Woodgate, of Cumnor Hill, Oxford.

**Mr M. H. Walton
and Miss L. Nunn**
The engagement is announced between Miles, son of Mr and Mrs R. Walton, of Tynemouth, and Lorraine, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs A. J. Nunn, of Southend, Essex.

**Mr R. J. Wright
and Miss J. M. Baily**
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs J. E. Wright, of New Milton, Hampshire, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P. A. H. Baily, of Caversham, Berkshire.

Tête à tête: Owen Thomas, a visitor to the Woodworker Show at the Alexandra Pavilion, north London, which opened yesterday coming face to face with Malcolm Dinning's African Head. Mr Dinning, a forester from Cambridge, carved the piece in English elm on a base of keruing (photograph: John Voos).

Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher were hosts at a dinner given yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of On Bettino Craxi, President of the Council of Ministers of Italy. The other guests were:

Signor Giulio Andreotti, Signor Giovanni Goria, Signor Filippo Maria Pandolfi, Signor Renato Altissimo, Signor Clelio Darida, the Ambassador of Italy, Ambassador Umberto La Rocca, Ambassador Burno Bottai, Ambassador Renato Ruggiero.

Professor Gennaro Acquaviva, General Giuseppe Piovano, Dr Antonio Ghirelli, Signor Antonio Badini; Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, and Lady Howe, Mr Peter Rees, QC, MP, and Mrs Rees, Mr Michael Jopling, MP, and Mrs Jopling, Mr Geoffrey Pattie, MP and Mrs Pattie, Lord and Lady Aldington, Lord Thorneycroft, CH, and Lady Thorneycroft, Baroness Elles and Mr Neil Elles, Lady Forte, Mr James Callaghan, MP, and Mrs Callaghan.

Sir John and Lady Clark, Sir Austin and Lady Pearce, Sir Anthony Kershaw, PM, and Lady Kershaw, Sir Hugh Rossi, MP, and Lady Rossi, Sir Robert Armstrong, Lord Bridges, Mr and Mrs Derek Thomas, Mr and Mrs Charles Powell and Mr and Mrs Andrew Turnbull.

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor last night entertained at dinner at the Mansion House. The other speakers were the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Governor of the Bank of England, the Chairman of the Stock Exchange and the Chairman of Lloyd's, who were accompanied by their ladies. The other guests were bankers and merchants of the City of London, members of the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs, the Chief Commoner and members of the Court of Common Council and their ladies.

Pattenmakers' Company
The Master of the Pattenmakers' Company, Mr A. J. Y. Magnus, presided at a court dinner held last night at Barber Surgeons' Hall. Dr K. C. D. Steen proposed the toast to the guests and the reply was made by Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, MP.

Insurers' Company
The Master of the Insurers' Company, Mr. Julius A. S. Neave, was host at a livery dinner held yesterday at Clothworkers' Hall. The other speakers were the Master of the Chartered Accountants' Company: Sir Kenneth Cork, Mr Justice Farquharson and the Senior Warden, Mr Frank Holland.

Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene
The Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene held its Harben and conference dinner at the Savoy Hotel, Blackpool, last night. The guests of honour were Dr R. D. Catterall, Middlesex Hospital, who had earlier delivered the 1984 Harben Lecture, and the Mayor of Blackpool. The guests were received by Dr C. D. L. Lycett, chairman of council, and Mrs Lycett.

St Luke's Feast
The Painter-Stainers' Company held their St Luke's Feast at Painters' Hall last night. The speakers were Sir John Wells, MP, Mr C. Fisher, Renter Warden, Mr K. Rubens, Mr S. F. Everson and Colonel A. G. P. Lincoln, clerk. Among the other guests were the Masters of the Leathersellers' and Loriners' Companies, Lieutenant-Colonel M. Bourne and Major L. Gemson.

Company of Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen
The Master, Wardens and Court of Assistants of the Company of Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen, held a dinner at Tuckers' Hall, Exeter, last night in honour of the Mayor of Exeter, and the Dean of Exeter. The Master, Mr R. Dunsford, presided.

Chartered Surveyors' Company
The Chartered Surveyors' Company held its installation dinner last night at Cutlers' Hall. The Master, Mr David R. Male, presided and received the guests with the Senior Warden, Mr R. W. P. Luff, and the Junior Warden, Mr M. E. Taylor. The Master, Mr J. B. Jefferson and the Archdeacon of London were the speakers.

Shipwrights' Company
The Shipwrights' Company held its October court meeting in Ironmongers' Hall yesterday. Mr J. E. Neary, Prime Warden, presided, assisted by the Wardens, Alderman R. C. L. Charvet, Mr D. B. Kimber, Rear-Admiral M. C. Morgan-Giles and Mr G. R. Newman. Mr J. F. Denholm, Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, Mr J. G. Freeland and Mr A. B. Wilbraham were elected Court Assistants and admitted. Others present at the meeting and afterwards at dinner included Viscount Runciman of Doxford and the Earl of Inchcape.

Anchorites
The Trafalgar Night dinner at the Anchorites was held yesterday at the Café Royal under the presidency of Mr D. W. Neighbour. The principal guest was Alderman Richard C. L. Charvet.

Naval Historians
Admiral Sir James Eberle and Dr Neil Cossons were guests at a dinner held by naval historians at the Garrick Club last night. Professor Christopher Lloyd was in the chair.

Royal College of Physicians
The Harveian Oration was given yesterday by Dr A. C. Dornhorst. Afterwards Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, President of the Royal College of Physicians, Lady Hoffenberg and fellows entertained the following guests at dinner:
The Speaker, the Ambassador of China; the Bishop of Birmingham, Lord Flowers, Judge Brian Gibbens, Sir Douglas Black, Sir James Gowans, Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, Sir John Nabarro, Sir Eric Sharp, Sir Kenneth Stowe, Sir John Walton, Dr E D Acheson, Dr T H Bewley, Mr R Braham, Mr G Chouraqui, Mr K H Clarke, Mr M D A Clarke, Mr J P Cornford, Dr R C Curran, Dr and Mrs A C Dornhorst, Dr and Mrs A N Exton-Smith, Dr J D J Havard, Mr R E B Lloyd, Dr M G MacNaughton, Mr I Mackeson-Sandbach, Mr M Meacher, Mr H Orteu, Miss Sheila Quinn, Prof R Quirk, Mr J J Salinas; Mrs L Simpson and Dr I Sutherland.

Institute of Cost and Management Accountants
The President of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants, Mr Cyril W. Banyard, was host at a dinner held at Fishmongers' Hall last night. The guests were:
Sir Gordon Downey, Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, Sir Julian Ridsdale, MP, Sir Kenneth Sharp, Sir Leslie Smith, Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, Air Vice-Marshal A Maisner, Professor J E Allen, Mr J R Beevor, Mr N H Blakstad, Mr D G Boyd, Mr I C R Byatt, Mr G Cartwright, Mr J A Clarke, Mr J A G Clarke, Mr R Close, Mr J A Collins, Mr L T Davies, Mr G I de Deney, Mr R C J East, Dr E S Farmer, Professor K P Gee, Mr J A Giblin, Mr P A D Giblin, Mr W B Godfrey, Mr R W Graves, Mr I Griffiths, Mr A R K Hardcastle, Mr G Harris, Mr P Harris, Mr P I Hayman, Mr K R Hodgson, Mr F R Hurn, Mr D J Hyam, Mr David Knox, MP, Dr B C Lindley, Miss E M Llewellyn-Smith, Mr J A Loveland, Mr B P Lyons, Mr P R Meanwell, Mr B W Mills, Mr N E A Moore, Mr C R C Morgan, Mr E P Morris, Mr J B Morris, Miss A E Mueller, Mr W V W Norris, Mr B W Oakley, Mr A Park, Mr E Parker, Mr M N Pickall, Dr G G Pope, Mr G Powell, Mr I M G Prosser, Mr J Reeve, Mr J D Rimington, Mr M T Roberts, Mr A W Russell, Mr B E Shedel, Mr J Smith, Mr N H Smith, Mr R S Taylor, Mr I N Tegner, Mr L V D Tindale, Mr E L Trew, Professor R Vangermeersch, Mr B D Ward, Mr C V K Williams, Mr A Wilson, Mr R J Withers and Mr A A Wittenberg.

Service dinners

HMS Drake
The Battle of Trafalgar was commemorated last night in the Ward Room, HMS Drake. Commander I. C. Bailey-Willmot, RN, *presided and the guest of honour* was Admiral Sir Peter Herbert. Rear Admiral W. A. Higgins and Commodore R. J. Husk were among those present.

Royal Naval College, Greenwich
A dinner was held last night at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, to celebrate Admiral Lord Nelson's victory at Trafalgar. The guest of honour was Rear Admiral Sir Anthony Miers, VC. Commander A. H. F. Wilks, commander of the college, presided.

Britannia Royal Naval College
Vice-Admiral Sir Simon Cassels, Chief of Naval Personnel and Second Sea Lord, was the guest of honour at a combined wardroom and gunroom mess dinner commemorating the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar held last night at the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth (Captain G. M. Tullis, RN, in command).

HMS Mercury
At a dinner held last night at Leydene House, HMS Mercury to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, Commodore A. G. Rose proposed the toast to the Immortal Memory. Commander P. G. Edger RN, presided.

St George Barracks, Gosport
Mr B. H. Cousins, Assistant Under-Secretary of State (Fleet Support), and Rear-Admiral E. MaClean were guests at a dinner to honour the Immortal Memory of Lord Nelson held last night at St George Barracks, Gosport. Officers of 20 Maritime Regiment RCT and Project Oasis and their ladies were present. Commander P. M. Stevenson, RN, presided.

Engineer and Railway Staff Corps, RE (TA)
The annual dinner of the Engineer and Railway Staff Corps, RE (TA) was held at the RCT Headquarters Mess, Buller Barracks, Aldershot last night. The Officer Commanding, Colonel L. M. Campbell, presided and the guests included Generals Sir Roland Guy, and Sir Richard Trant; Mr C. T. McDonnell, Major-Generals M. Matthews, D. H. Braggins, R. E. J. Gerrard Wright and M. E. Tickell, Honorary Colonel of the Corps.

The Rajput Regiment
The annual dinner of The Rajput Regiment was held last night at the Army and Navy Club. Major J. G. Harper presided and Brigadier R. B. Chopra was the guest of honour.

Marriages

**Mr C. B. Calkin
and Miss V. C. Walker**
The marriage took place on Friday, October 12, in the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, between Mr Charles Calkin, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian Calkin, of Limpsfield, Surrey, and Miss Virginia Walker, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Walker, of Lingfield, Surrey. Canon A. D. *Caesar officiated. The bride, who* was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Sabrina Ingleby-Mackenzie, Miss Kate Rogerson and Lucien and Cyprian Mallett. Dr James Barratt was best man.

A reception was held at the Basil Street Hotel and the honeymoon is being spent in St Lucia.

**Mr T. B. Motley
and Mrs C. T. M. Soskin**
The marriage took place quietly in London on Thursday, October 18, between Mr Timothy Motley and Mrs Clare Soskin (née Doubleday).

**Don J. de Villynova-Raggazzi Guillen
and Miss M. J. Ferris**
The marriage took place in the chapel of the Casa Grande, Granada, on Sunday, October 14, of Don Jorge de Villynova-Raggazzi Barrera Guillen Lasierra, second son of the Marquis and Marchioness Luis de Villynova-Raggazzi Barrera, and Miss Michaela Jacqueline Ferris, daughter of Mrs Dennis Gould, of London, and Mr Michael Ferris, of Paris.

WRVS

The Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Lord Mayor were the principal speakers at a rally and exhibition held in Bloomsbury yesterday by the Women's Royal Voluntary Service. Mrs B. E. Shenfield, chairman, WRVS, presided.

OBITUARY

MR G. MACKWORTH-YOUNG

Chairman of Morgan Grenfell

Mr G. W. Mackworth-Young, who died yesterday at the age of 58, had had a distinguished career in the City of London and at the time of his death was chairman of the merchant bank Morgan Grenfell & Co Limited. He was vice-chairman of Morgan Grenfell Holdings Limited, a non-executive director of the Union Discount Company of London Plc; of Willis Faber Plc; of Lloyds Bank Plc, of Charter Consolidated Plc and of London & Scottish Marine Oil Plc.

He was also chairman of the British Invisible Exports Council and of the Industrial Development Advisory Board and a member of the British Overseas Trade Board.

Gerard William (Bill) Mack*worth-Young* was born on October 10, 1926 the son of Gerard Mackworth-Young, CIE, Indian Civil Servant and archaeologist, and educated at Eton. He served in the Welsh Guards from 1945-1948 and then joined Baring Brothers & Co Limited for whom he worked in London and in Australia.

In January 1952 he joined the stockbrokers Rowe & Pitman and in more than 20 years with them became a leading member in the London Stock Exchange.

He was invited to join the board of Morgan Grenfell Holdings in January 1974 as a vice-chairman and became Group Chief Executive a year later. After five years he relinquished the office of Chief Executive and became chairman of the bank, and his time in those successive appointments coincided with a great growth in the success and reputation of the Morgan Grenfell group.

He became a leading figure in the City of London and was always willing to respond to the increasing demands that were made upon his services.

He married in 1949 Lady Evelyn Leslie, daughter of the 20th Earl of Rothes. They had four daughters.

LORD HARRIS

Lord Harris, CBE, MC, died on October 16 at his home, Belmont Park, Faversham, Kent, at the age of 95.

The son of the fourth Baron, sometime Governor of Bombay and renowned as a cricketer, he was born on September 3, 1889, and educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, where he took his degree. He had served as a captain in the Royal East Kent Imperial Yeomanry and during the First World War won a Military Cross, was mentioned in despatches and was wounded.

He played a full part in public life in Kent and was a Justice of the Peace; a Deputy Lieutenant, and from 1948 to 1972 Vice-Lieutenant. He was chairman of the Kent Police Authority from 1945 to 1964 and Commissioner of St John Ambulance Brigade for Kent from 1940 to 1945.

He was an assiduous collector of clocks and watches and his collection grew to something like 200 pieces. The clocks, scattered about the house, were wound up each Sunday by Harris himself which made the first day of the week less of a day of leisure for him than for most. He was in the habit of carrying some five watches about his person.

He was Master of the Clockmakers' Company in 1960 and the first president of the Antiquarian Horological Society.

Harris was a prominent Freemason and from 1954 to 1973 was Grand Master, Mark Master Masons of England. He has also been Grand Master of the Masonic Knights Templer of England.

His father, who died in 1932, was, as has been stated, a cricketer of distinction ("the Nestor of the game", as *The Times* called him, who captained England, turning out even in the late 1920s for an MCC match in a starched collar and bow tie and narrow trousers held up by a necktie). The 5th Lord Harris could not equal his father as a performer on the field but he gave unstinting support and encouragement to the county club, of which he had been president, and to Canterbury Cricket Week.

He married in 1918 Dorothy Mary, daughter of the Rev W. J. Crookes, sometime vicar of Borden. They had one son, the Hon George Robert John Harris who succeeds his father Lady Harris died in 1981.

MR STEPHEN JEFFREYS

Mr Stephen Jeffreys, who died on October 11 at the age of 61, was the first Secretary of the University of Lancaster.

With the first Vice-Chancellor Mr Charles Carter (now Sir Charles Carter) he was responsible for planning the development of the university which admitted its first students in October 1964.

Jeffreys coordinated the building programme of the university site at Bailrigg which first accommodated staff and students in October 1966. During the university's early years he helped to organize the foundation appeal which raised more than £2½ million.

Before going to Lancaster in 1963 Jeffreys was Deputy Registrar of University College, Swansea, where he played a major part in supervising a substantial development programme under the Principal, Mr John Fulton (later Lord Fulton).

After serving in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War, he gained a frist class degree in philosophy and political philosophy at the University College of North Wales, Bangor. He went on to study a postgraduate degree in philosophy of art at Oxford University.

HIS HON G. J. BLACK

His Honour George Joseph Black, DSO, DFC, who was appointed a Circuit Judge in 1977, and was for the previous five years a Recorder of the Crown Court, died on October 13 at the age of 66.

He had a distinguished career in the RAF during the Second World War as a pilot of fighters and fighter-bombers. He was awarded a DFC in 1942 and in 1944 was given a Bar to this award. That same year he was appointed a DSO. He had joined the RAF in 1939, became a sergeant pilot in 1940 and was commissioned in 1942. In addition to service in the United Kingdom he flew in the Middle East, Sicily and Italy.

The son of T. W. Black, he was born on January 24, 1918 and educated at Queen's College, Taunton. He was an articled clerk in Cardiff from 1935 until he joined the RAF. He was admitted a solicitor in 1947. After a period in private practice he joined the Legal Department of New Scotland Yard in 1950 remaining there *until he became a partner in the* Cardiff firm of Adams and Black in 1958.

He was married in 1955 and had a son and a daughter.

Colonel Harold Samuel White, MC, who died on October 4, was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Somerset in 1951.

Science report

Russia blamed over the depletion of fish stocks

By Tony Samstag

Commercial fisheries in Antarctica are on the verge of collapse, according to the World Wildlife Fund. The decline in many species may be as high as 90 per cent, with stock abundance dropping from one million to 100,000 tonnes.

Over exploitation is almost certainly the reason for the decline, the fund says. "From one season to the next, the USSR increased their catch of the most abundant species of finfish (Antarctic cod) from 2,000 tonnes to 430,000 tonnes. The stocks were further depleted by two additional heavy seasons."

Scientists are also concerned at the increased commercial interest in krill, a small shrimp-like crustacean that swarms in its billions and is thought to be the single most important unit of the food chain in the Southern Ocean. (At night, adds the fund, the swarms of krill "light up forming shoals of living blue-green fire").

Krill, which feed on phyto plankton, are eaten by squid, finfish, six species of seal (two thirds of the world's total), great whales, and more than 50 species of bird. The Soviet Union and to a lesser extent Japan are the main fishers of krill, with annual takes increasing during the past 10 years from less than 3,000 to nearly a million tonnes.

The depletion of baleen whale stocks, which once accounted for 200 million tonnes of krill a year but now take only about 50 million, may help to balance the increasing Russian and Japanese catch. But American scientists on a research trip earlier this year were alarmed to see little or no evidence of krill where three years previously "super-swarms" six miles wide, 12 miles long and a quarter of a mile deep had been recorded.

Natural factors such as the aberrant El Nino current, which brought several degrees of unwanted warmth to the Southern Ocean, may well be responsible, the fund said. But the findings emphasize how little is known about the ecology of the krill; even its life-span, it is now suspected, may have been underestimated by 200 to 300 per cent, an error that would make current sustainable yield estimates for the species totally unacceptable.

Source: *WWF News*, no 30 World Wildlife Fund.

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Why don’t the writers on The Economist have the guts to sign their articles?

When Mr John Gummer read in The Economist that recent cabinet manoeuvres had taken him from a ‘pseudo job’ to a ‘non job’ he didn’t know whose hand had wielded the pen.

When Mr Ken Livingstone was lambasted for running an advertising campaign of ‘crude dishonesty’ there was no by-line on the article.

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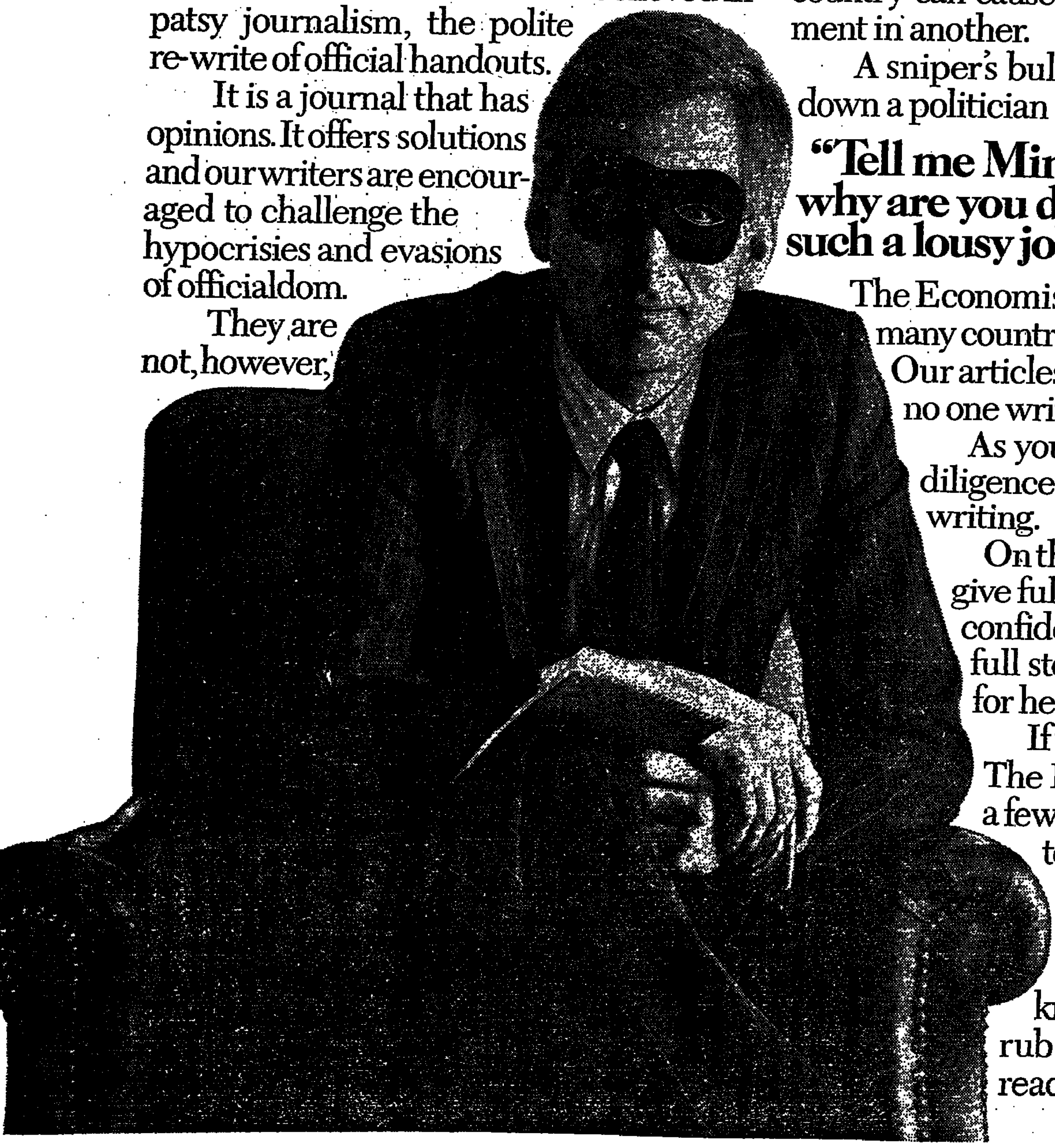

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17	Bromsgrove Cast	
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24	Howden-Stuart	
25	SGB	
26	Breedon & Cloud Hill	
27	Monk (A)	
28	Meyer Int	
29	Leech (William)	
30	Ruberoid	
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85	45	Guinness Peat	52	-2	0.9	1.7	18.1
153	121	Hambros	143	-3	8.3	5.8	18.0
16	9	Do (50p)	£12	..	82.9	6.9	12.6
350	235	Hill Samuel	270	-5	15.0	5.6	7.6
72	48½	HK Shanghai	71½	+½	4.3b	6.0	..
313	228	Joseph (Leopold)	233	..	16.1	6.9	12.2
164	124	King & Shaxson	138	-6	11.8	8.5	11.7
480	320	Kleinwort Benson	325 ●	+5	17.9	5.5	12.2
532	422	Lloyds	479	-5	34.8	7.3	4.0
69	49	Lon Scot Fin	65	-1	3.5	6.8	40.7
42	24	Manson	24 ●	-1	1.4	6.0	9.5
510	388	Mercury Secs	395	+10	16.4	4.1	8.3
429	277	Midland	337	..	36.4	10.8	6.8
173	110	Minster Assets	168	-2	7.1	4.3	15.3
258	198	Nat Aust Bk	230	-1	..	..	..
596	420	Nat West	517 r	-10	36.2	7.0	4.0
68	57	Ottoman	£67½	..	450	6.7	10.3
182	144	Provident	159 ●	-6	13.6	8.5	6.8
100	72½	Rea Bros	88	..	1.8	2.0	28.5
20½	14	Royl Bnk Of Can	£18½	+½	..	..	..
245	194	Royl Bnk Of Scot	227	-6	11.0	4.8	9.0
808	625	Schroders	655 ●	..	22.8	3.6	11.0
370	260	Secombe M	320	-30	28.8	8.9	10.5
71	48	Smith St Aubyn	54	-8	6.4	11.9	4.9
579	442	Stand Chart	467	-10	40.0	8.6	6.5
788	612	Union	673	-30	48.6	7.2	11.0
57	42	Wagon	46 ●	-1	3.9	8.5	12.4
37	23½	Wells Fargo	£27 ●	+1	..	..	..
255	195	Wintrust	217	..	6.1	2.8	14.6

BUILDING AND ROADS

1984 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
202	158	Aberdeen Constr	176 ●	-4	9.4	5.4	8.9
249	185	Amec	224	-6	15.0	6.7	9.1
76	38	Arncliffe	46	..	3.8e	8.3	7.1
..	..	Atwoods	.. †		5.0	..	..
338	233	BPB Industries	253	+3	10.0	4.0	9.0
192	122	Baggeridge Brick	188	-2	8.0	4.3	10.4
188	78	Barratt Devs	84 ●	..	10.9	13.0	6.2
45	27	Bailey(Ben) Constr	31 ●	..	2.8	8.3	4.4
		Beechwood	†				
164	116	Bellway	130	-1	10.0	7.7	7.8
73	53	Benford Concrete	67	-2	5.4	8.0	15.2
64	43	Bett Bros	54	..	4.1	7.6	14.2
603	346	Blockleys	530	..	30.0b	5.7	18.8
460	358	Blue Circle	425	-3	27.1	6.4	7.1
216	162	Breedon&Cloud Hill	198 ●	+2	12.0	6.1	17.5
67	48	Brickhouse Dudley	61	-2	4.6	7.5	16.3
71	47	Br Dredging	57 ●	..	2.9	5.0	13.9
23	16	Brown&Jackson	16	-1	..	..	11.0
69	58	Brownlee	58	-2	5.0	8.8	6.1
73	50	Bryant	65	-2	4.3	6.6	7.1
220	128	Burnett & Hallam	130	..	12.5	9.6	14.2
150	146	Calabread Robey	148	..	4.3	2.9	20.2
86	49	Carr (J) Doncaster	54	-1	1.9	3.4	9.1
59½	47	Cement-Roadstone	48	..	1.0b	2.1	..
64	44	Cooder Int	44	-2	1.1	2.4	4.5
316	234	Costain	290 ●	-2	20.0	6.9	7.0
240	174	Countryside	178	-3	6.8	3.8	6.2
93	66	Crouch (Derek)	85 ●	..	7.2	8.4	47.8
		Crouch Group	†				
108	65	Dew (George)	65	-3	8.1	12.5	8.9
68	53	Douglas (RM)	58 ●	..	2.5	4.6	26.9
83	64	Erith	68 ●	-2	4.1	6.1	10.8
120	85	Feb	103	-2	3.9	3.8	11.8
118	85	Do 'A'	88	-2	3.9	4.4	10.1
107	71	Finlan (John)	83	-2	6.0	7.2	38.8
164	110	French Kier	125	-4	8.0	6.4	7.2
65	37	Galliford	54 ●	-1	5.7	10.6	7.6
110	105	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	105	..	2.0	1.9	46.5
182	163	Gleeson (MJ)	189	-1	6.6	3.5	9.4
123	95	HAT	110	-1	4.7	4.3	12.4
53	18	Helical Bar	22	-3	..	..	4.5
41	30	Howden-Stuart	32 ●	+1	2.0	6.2	7.8
161	107	Heywood Williams	107	-1	8.1	7.8	4.8
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Lawson refuses to learn from past mistakes

Whatever may be said about the security of electricity supplies through the winter or the nugatory net effects on government finance this year of the cut in North Sea oil prices set against the rise of the dollar, events were bound to affect the immediate value of sterling.

The authorities, and Nigel Lawson in particular, have again helped turn more pressure into a full-blown sterling crisis by their perceived indifference to the pound/dollar exchange rate and their evident distaste for raising interest rates to protect sterling.

There has been no repeat of the Bank of England's foolish statement during the summer crisis that there was no domestic monetary reason for interest rates to rise. The bank has since acknowledged that the foreign exchanges play a significant part in determining domestic financial conditions. Yet the markets still remember that incident and will conclude from the Chancellor's speech at the Mansion House last night that the Government's basic position has not changed one iota.

Yesterday afternoon some dealers were reconsidering this perception. They responded to the unopposed rise in money market interest rates in London and the more sophisticated may have noted that indifference to the pound/dollar rate might not extend so blithely to falls in sterling's value against the European currencies. Some of the pressure can be seen as an attempt to test Treasury thinking and tease out a response. Markets were not sure what to think of the Government's tactics. If the Chancellor's speech clarified their minds, it will also have confirmed their worst fears. If interest rates again have to be jacked up to over-correct what Nigel Lawson deems over-reaction, it will be an wholly unnecessary product of his inability to learn.

Anglo-Scottish in the balance

The future of Anglo-Scottish Investment Trust is once more back in the melting pot. The management's plan to split the £53m trust into three – one unit trust and two specialized investment trusts – was duly abandoned at a shareholder's meeting yesterday because of the determined opposition of Mr Ian Henderson, chief investment manager of London & Manchester Assurance, which owns 8 per cent of Anglo, and his supporters.

Mr Ivan Boesky's Cambrian & General Securities, Anglo's largest shareholder, with 15 per cent of the equity, did not even bother to vote, leaving its ultimate intentions as inscrutable as before.

Mr Henderson opposed the Anglo proposals because, he said, they did not represent "the maximum value that could be obtained by shareholders." In truth, the argument is more to do with who manages the rump of the trust's money once it has been revamped – London & Manchester or the present management, C S Investments.

Formed in August 1983 by Mr Eric Crawford and Mr Sam Stevenson, C S Investments is no stranger to this sort of dispute.

In 1969, they founded Gartmore Investment Management, but left that company in acrimonious mood, in early 1983 when Exco International took over. They took the management of Anglo-Scottish with them. The trust now forms an important part of the £320m of funds managed by C S Investments.

London & Manchester argued that under the old plan, the two investment trusts would have slipped to significant discounts and that shareholders who cashed in after the reconstruction would have got 16 per cent less than the underlying value of the assets. Not so, says Mr Crawford. The true figure would have been 10 per cent and this compares with a discount of 25 per cent before the reconstruction plan was launched.

This argument, however, is little more than academic since the emergence of Mr Boesky, the clever Wall Street arbitrageur, as a big shareholder. The discount has dropped to about 7 per cent. Mr Henderson sits on the Cambrian board, but claims to have no knowledge of what Mr Boesky is going to do with his Anglo share stake.

Climbing down from a bill mountain

Without any assistance at all from the Common Agricultural Policy, the Bank of England has created a "bill mountain". Since 1981 when the Bank adopted its current technique of intervening in the money market, its holdings of commercial bills have risen to alpine heights, where they now account for perhaps 90 per cent of £11,038m "other securities" shown in the Bank's Issue Department balance sheet on October 10.

This situation, coupled with this week's extension to the commercial banks of the Bank's repurchase facility in gilts and ECGD-backed promissory notes, has spurred Mr Stephen Lewis of Phillips & Drew, to return to his theme of the Bank's shortage of suitable instruments for controlling the money market.

Mr Lewis has already argued persuasively for six months and 12 months Treasury Bills, albeit in the context of attracting more company funds.

Shortages of funds in the money market in recent months reflect the heavy official sales of gilts and National Savings instruments which the Treasury and Bank needed to drag the growth of money supply (sterling M3) back within the target guideline of 6-10 per cent.

Recent "overfunding", however, is not the end of the story. The speed-up of importers' VAT payments, due to take effect next month, will also tend to drain funds from the money market. The prospect is one of continuing stringency.

The authorities's scope for adding to their commercial bill holdings is now severely limited by the state of the Issue Department's balance sheet. No doubt in recognition of this, the Bank has left open the possibility of helping the money market with a new repurchase facility after the expiry the current arrangement on Novmber 14. Mr Lewis is in no doubt that the Bank will do just that.

Mr William Mackworth-Young

Bill Mackworth-Young died yesterday at the tragically early age of 58. He will be remembered in the City for his skills as a stockbroker and a merchant banker; for his vision and leadership, first at Rowe & Pitman, subsequently at Morgan Grenfell; for his gentleness and his humanity; and for his delightful sense of humour.

I remember his innocent delight when during a visit to the Far East he read that I had mentioned him as a possible future Governor of the Bank of England. "A lot of rubish of course", he said to me later, "but I did enjoy the extraordinary deference and the quite excellent service I received from colleagues and my hotel staff alike who had also read your story." A marvellous man.

Governor urges Whitehall not to raise bank taxes

By Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor

The Governor of the Bank of England told the City dinner at the Mansion House that "prompt and decisive action" had been necessary to rescue Johnson Matthey Bankers "to prevent any contagious spead to other members of a central and traditional London market."

But in a strong indirect message to Government not to attempt to raise further tax revenue from the banks, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton gave a warning against any "extra burdens" being placed on the banking system.

These, the Governor said, "must necessarily affect the willingness of the banks and their shareholders to see their funds used in an essentially discretionary way to help sustain the system."

There has been some feeling among the banks that the Bank of England has not been sufficiently forceful in the defence of its constituency, at a time when the banks are being urged to rebuild their capital base in the wake of the international debt crisis, as well as assume new financial responsibilities

Mr Leigh-Pemberton took the opportunity of the City dinner to lay down a marker with his co-speaker, the Chancellor, at a time when Mr Lawson is known to be hunting thirstily for new sources of tax revenue.

The Johnson Matthey rescue, the Governor said, was "characteristic" of the City of London, in that it was a collective operation carried out at no real public cost.

But he said that the City's ability to act in this way "should not be taken for granted." Responding to criticism of the operation, he admitted that some aspects might "seem less than wholly statisfactory to some," but said that "one cannot always deliberate over the design of the house when the kitchen is on fire."

Chancellor expects stronger City after changes

The Chancellor told the City that there were "issues to be pondered on" in the case of Johnson Matthey, which illustrated "the hazards of ill-judged diversification".

But he had "no doubt" that the City would emerge stronger from the changes now taking place, and that there would remain a place for specialized institutions as well as financial conglomerates. Mr Lawson confirned that he intended to give the building societies "powers to diversify in the financial and housing services areas", and was working out "firm legislative proposals".

But the Chancellor's main message was on the economy and interest rates in particular. He stressed that there had been no alteration of course.

The markets, Mr. Lawson said have come to take a "more balance view of financial developments" since July. The following quotation from his speech contains his critical attempt signal his exchange rate policy (or non-policy) to the markets.

"In particular, they (the markets) have come to recognize that it is the monetary aggregates that are of central relevance to judging monetary conditions and determining interset rates. That has always been our policy, and it remains so. We take the exchange rate into account when its behaviour suggests that the domestic monetary indicators are giving a false reading, which they are not.

"Provided monetary conditions are kept under firm control, excessive movements, whether in the money or exchange markets in response to outside influences, will tend to correct themselves relatively quickly. The position is underpinned by the fact that monetary growth over the past 12 months is well withing the target ranges."

Rentals firm drops cable networks

By William Kay,
City Editor

Mr David Hurley, managing director of Electronic Rentals Group, yesterday blamed the Government for the company's decision to pull out of the fledgling cable network market. It is the first significant company to do so since the Government began awarding franchises.

The decision will cost Electronic Rentals £1.5m before tax relief, after a bill for £2m to close lossmaking networks earlier this year.

Mr Hurley said: "We've been reducing our exposure to cable in order to hedge our bets, but the bets just aren't worth hedging. The timescale for making profits is far too long.

He added that the Cable Authority was delayed, the Department of Trade licences were delayed, the requirement for voice capability added to the expense and capital allowances were withdrawn in the Budget.

Electronic Rentals has been supplying television signals by cable for some years as a way of stimulating television rental. That policy will continue, but will instead be directed towards capturing signals from direct broadcast satellites on local dishes for transmission to local communities.

Asked if he thought other companies seeking cable franchises might follow suit, Mr Hurley replied: "I can't speak for them, but you have not seen too many others leaping around spending money on digging up roads to lay their cable yet."

Electronic Rentals will, however, press on with plans to use cable for security and surveillance systems. Expertise will be retained to fulfil all continuing contractual cable arrangements.

Discussions are underway on the future of the company's cable network in East Kilbride, Scotland, where new services have already been installed.

But unless the company can secure a better deal within a few days, this network will close next month. Plans to set up networks in Basingstoke, Bracknell, Crawley and Hemel Hempstead have been dropped.

Lloyds to merge its banking interests

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Lloyds Bank is to bring together its domestic and international arms into a single bank by merging Lloyds Bank International with the clearing bank. The aim is to improve service to customers by integrating operations more closely, cutting out duplication and reducing costs in various areas.

The merger, which requires an Act of Parliament and subject to this will happen in January 1986, is similar to the one Barclays is pushing through.

Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of Lloyds, said yesterday it should benefit customers, staff and shareholders alike. He said it had nothing to do with the recent leak of a document from Lloyds Bank International. The leaked document highlighted the difficult time LBI has been having.

Mr Brian Pitman, group chief executive, identified benefits from the merger in developing technology, in using the group's capital more effeciently and in reducing the group's tax charge. He also pointed to the benefits for both arms of the group from being able to operate off the group capital base.

This is expected to lead to greater flexibility

Racal locks up Chubb

Racal Electronics, Sir Ernest Harrison's defence electronics and communications group, last night won control of Chubb & Son, the lock and safe manufacturer after an arduous 10-week takeover battle.

Chubb had forecast a close result but in the end Racal sailed home with ease, recording an acceptable level of 69.8 per cent of Chubb's equity.

Mr William Randall, Chubb's chairman, said he would be meeting Sir Ernest this morning and his primary concern would be to safeguard his employees' jobs.

The £179m takeover is another notable succes for the corporate finance team at Hill Samuel.

Reckitt buys stake in bid target

By Our City Editor

Reckitt and Colman, the wines and household goods group, yesterday spent A$42m (£29m) on the Sydney stock market to buy a 14.9 per cent stake in Nicholas Kiwi, the Australian company which has spurned a takeover bid from Reckitt in favour of a rival offer from the US-based Consolidated Foods.

When Consolidated won Nicholas Kiwi's approval two weeks ago, some commentators assumed that that was the end of the matter. But Mr David Clifford of Reckitt said yesterday: "The Consolidated Foods offer is a complex one, and we do not accept that theirs is necessarily better than ours.

"We would welcome further talks with Nicholas Kiwi."

Mr Clifford says that the two bids are similar in value, but that Reckitt's Australian business would offer a closer fit with Nicholas Kiwi. Yesterday, the Australian Government said it had no objection to the Reckitt bid on grounds of foreign investment policy.

BT director resigns

Mr Colin Crook, one of British Telecom's top executives with a seat on the board, has resigned from the corporation a month before privatization. Mr Cook, aged 42, managing director of BT Enterprises, is to join an American-based multinational computer company, which BT declined to name.

He is being replaced by Dr Peter Troughton, responsible for running BT's London area.

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New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1192.14 down 3.75
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Building societies to merge

The Leeds Permanent Building Society is taking over the Leeds & Holbeck Building Society, which has 64 branches in Yorkshire.

Once the deal is agreed Leeds Permanent will change its name to the Leeds Building Society, which it has been unable to do while a rival operated in the area.

- **CONSUMER SPENDING** rose 0.5 per cent in the third quarter, according to preliminary estimates released yesterday. Consumer spending, in 1980 prices, totalled £36.8 billion, compared with £36.6 billion in the second quarter and £36.4 billion in the third quarter of 1983. The increase over third quarter 1983 is 1.1 per cent.
- **ANCHOR CHEMICAL**, the chemicals manufacturing and distribution group, has increased pretax profits for the six months to June 30 from £210 000 to £762,000. Turnover rose from £7.2m to £9m. The interim dividend is increased to 1.25p, against 1p last time.

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- **THE HAMMERSON GROUP** is raising a £40m unsecured loan to refinance short-term borrowings and back London office developments.
- **CHINA** may move the Bank of China from Peking to Shanghai because Shanghai's investment in manufacturing is considered to be near saturation point.

BP to reorganize in Australia

By Jonathan Davis

BP yesterday announced a financial reconstruction of most of its troubled mineral operations in Australia after confirming it faces substantial write-offs against the loss-making Mount Aghew nickel mine in West Australia.

The mine was one of a series of mineral assets which BP acquired as a result of the expensive takeover of Selection Trust, the mining house, four years ago. The continued weakness of nickel prices has undermined the projects's financial viability, leading BP to give a warning two months ago that it would not continue to bail it out with new loans. The planned expansion of the mine has been shelved, and new exploration will be pared to a minimum.

BP Asutralia, under the scheme of arrangement announced in Perth, will buy out the 24 per cent minority shareholders in Seltrust Holdings, the company which holds Selection Trust's Australian mining operations.

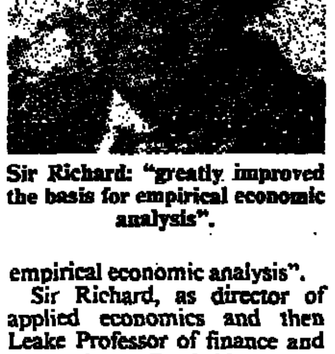
Cambridge professor wins Nobel Prize for economics

By David Smith,
Economics Correspondent

Professor Sir Richard Stone, the Cambridge economist, has been awarded the Nobel Prize for economics. He is the fourth British recipient of the award since it was established in 1971, and the first to win it outright. The previous three shared the prize with other economists.

Sir Richard, aged 71, worked with Lord Keynes as an adviser to the Government during the Second World War. During this period he did much of his work on setting up a national accounting framework for economies, a framework which has provided the basis for the national accounts of all post-war economies.

This framework, measuring national income on the basis of income, output and expenditure, is cited by the Nobel committee as Sir Richard's main contribution. The committee awarded the prize "for fundemental contributions to the development of systems of national accounts", which has "greatly improved the basis for empirical economic analysis".



Sir Richard: "greatly improved the basis for empirical economic analysis".

Sir Richard, as director of applied economics and then Leake Professor of finance and accounting at Cambridge, set up the Cambridge Growth Project.

The project features detailed industry analysis and a complex input-output matrix, and has been used by a commercial forecasting service, Cambridge Econometrics, of which Sir Richard is honorary president.

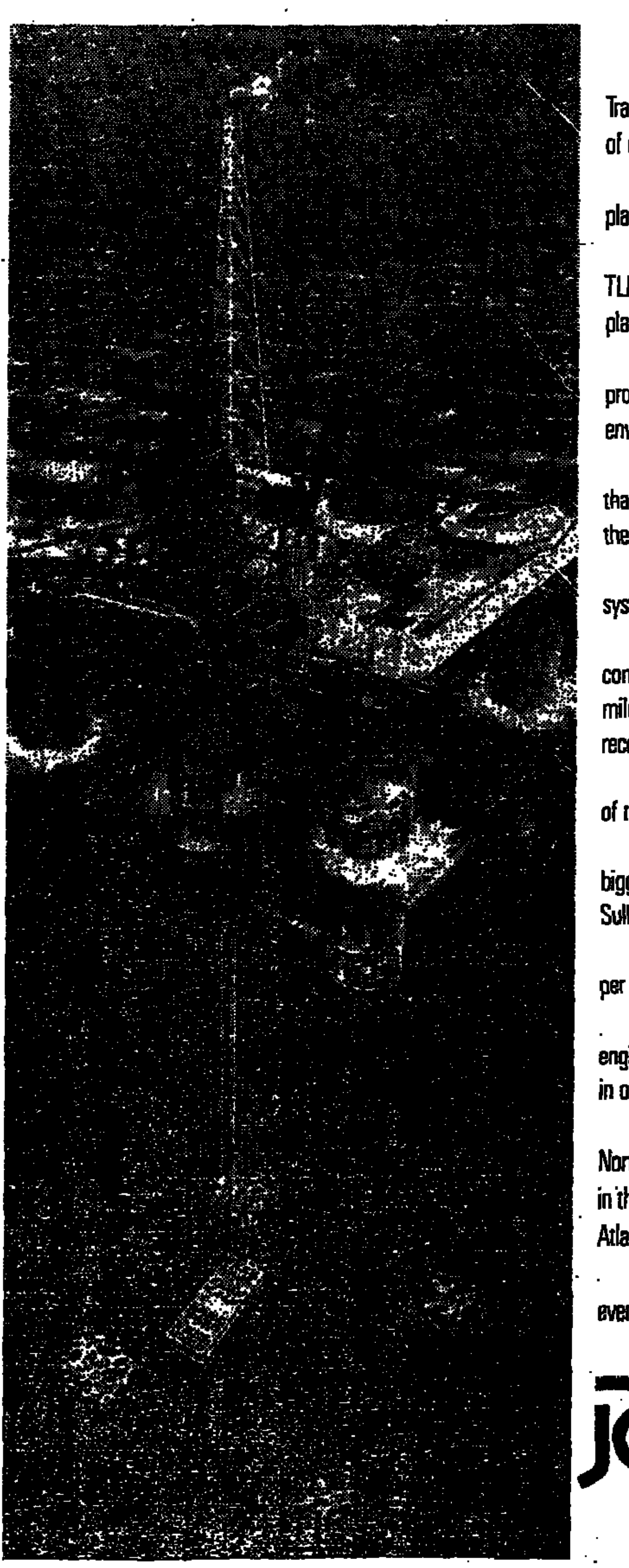
Sir Richard, who has not been well recently, retired from his chair in 1980. However, he continues to work from home.

He has never taken a strong policy line in public, regarding himself as a technical economist. He did not join the 364 other economists who signed a letter three years ago protesting at the Government's economic policies, although friends say he was in sympathy with its contents.

The Nobel committee, as with last year's Nobel award to Mr Gerard Debreu, has recognized work carried out some time ago. Mr Assar Lindbeck, chairman of the selection committee, said yesterday: "It was only in 1969 that the prize was started, and there is a queue of older economists who made their great achievements in the 1940s and 1950s."

Sir Richard worked closely with another British Nobel laureate, Professor Sir James Meade.

The prize will be presented in Stockholm on December 10, and is worth Skr 1.65m (£157,000).



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Two join board of Lloyd's Life

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Murray & Co: Mr Richard M Lewis joined the partnership at their Cardiff office.

Grants of St James's: Mr Ian Hannah has been appointed group marketing director.

Institute of Management Consultants of Scotland: Dr Keith Nimmo, serior manufacturing consultant with PA Management Consultants, becomes secretary and board member of the Institute.

Flight Refuelling (Holdings): Mr Peter Jackson will join the board on his appointment as managing director of Flight Refuelling Ltd from January 1. Mr Jackson is currently managing director of Davy McKee (Pool).

Sketchley: Mr Richard J Meyers has been appointed secretary/treasurer.

Executive Search: Mr Keith Tunstall becomes a director.

Thorn EMI Electronics: Mr J A S Bright becomes a managing director of the defence systems division and Mr D J George is appointed managing director of the communications division. Mr J Brace is appointed managing director of the radar division and a member of the executive management committee.

Norton, Rose, Botterell & Roche: Mr Edward Lee-Smith and Mr Stephen W. Parish have been taken into partnership.

HM Treasury: Mr Howard J. Hyman, a partner in Price Waterhouse, has been seconded to the Treasury for two years. He will be responsible for the provision of business and accounting advice relating to the Government's privatization programme and on the monitoring of economic performance and financial control of a number of nationalized industries.

Hodgson & Faraday: Mr Keith Stainton has been appointed chairman and Mr Denis Gamberoni becomes managing director. Mr Geoffrey Rowett, Mr Cyril Blansten and Mr Douglas Blansten join the board.

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INDUSTRY TODAY

BA starts to warm up the market

By Jonathan Davis

A first semi-official draft prospectus has appeared for the next item on the Government's privatization agenda

Next month's British Telecom share sale may be dominating the headlines and the television screens, but the process of warming up the stock market for the other great lumbering giant on the Government's privatization schedule, British Airways, is also now formally under way.

A detailed study of the airline by two of the four broking firms involved in the flotation, Wood, Mackenzie and Phillips & Drew was published yesterday. A sort of semi-official first draft prospectus, it marks the start of what promises to be an intensive crash course in selling to the City the virtues of BA as an investment.

The row that rumbled on through the summer between BA and British Caledonian over route transfers has left the sponsors of the issue with a demanding schedule to meet. The compromise solution wrung out of the parties at the eleventh hour by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Transport Secretary, has – whatever its merits as a political solution – achieved the Government's primary aim of ensuring that the flotation can proceed on target.

The official aim is that Lord King will bring his airline to the market in February or March next year, assuming always that the British Telecom issue does not flop and the stock market has recovered some of the poise and stability which it has lost in the last few days of feverish selling.

The remarkable turnround in BA's financial performance since Lord King was drafted in as chairman four years ago has been well chronicled. The airline's pretax loss in 1981 of £137m has been converted into a pretax profit of £185m in the last (1983-4) financial year.

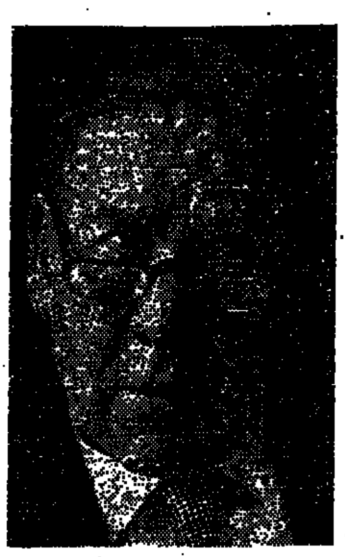
Another £429m of extraordinary losses were thrown into the 1981-2 accounts as Lord King and his chief executive, Mr Colin Marshall, imposed their tough restructuring and redundancy programme on an airline which, by common consent, had grown too fat and complacent for its own good. A further £208m went on writing down the values of large parts of BA's ageing fleet of aircraft and £199m went on severance pay as the workforce was slashed by 20,000 to its present level f about 36,000.

The task of selling BA to the stock market at a fair price still promises to be tough, despite the favourable outlook for profitability. The airline business is a notoriously volatile one, as well as being dengerously dependent for its welfare on factors outside its control such as economic growth and movements in fuel prices. The industry is still recovering from a disastrous slump in 1980 when the combination of recession and higher oil prices pushed it heavily into the red. A whole string of American airlines are quoted companies listed in New York, but complication for the BA issue is that British investors have no experience of trading in airline shares. The well-publicized troubles of Pan Am Braniff in the United States are hardly encouraging omens in this respect.

It is this understandable caution that Wood, Mackenzie and Phillips & Drew attempt to dispel in their new study. "The company is now in an extremely healthy state", they argue. "The current management team has established itself as being successful and the popularity of the airline is on the increase. For investors this presents a unique opportunity."

The brokers forecast that BA's operating profit will grow only slowly in the next three years, from last year's record level of £274m to £300m in 1986-87. Pretax profits will continue to rise more noticeably, however, as the airline repays more of its current £900m debt and its interest costs fall away.

They expect pre-tax profits to improve from £185m last year to £252m in 1986-87. Its annual interest costs should have halved by then to about £60m, as BA's debt burden drops to around £270m by the end of the period. This would bring down the airline's debt from 87 per cent of capital employed now to 26 per cent. The figure assumes that their financing of BA's new order for Boeing 737s will be taken off the balance sheet, but even if it is not, the brokers estimate that borrowing will be more than 39 per cent of capital employed.



Lord King: remarkable turnround

Colin Marshall: tough restructuring

BROKERS' KEY FORECASTS FOR BA

	Year to March 1984	1985	1986	1987
Productivity*	199	208	215	225
Airline operating profit £m	174	280	280	300
Cash flow (£m)	164	235	159	236
Pretax profit (£m)	185	189	220	252

*Measured as thousands of available tonne kilometres per employee

The brokers acknowledge that the "spectacular" profits growth which BA has enjoyed in the last two years will not be repeated. The dramatic increases in productivity and fare yields over that period will be impossible to maintain at that rate, and BA is committed to a heavy programme of spending to revamp its coporate image which alone could cost £50m over the next three years, they say.

BA will also have to weather the loss of its profitable Saudi Arabian routes, which are being transferred to British Caledonian as part of the compromise route transfer settlement. In return, BA is taking over BCal's South American routes, but these are loss-making; in theory the immediate impact will be to cut BA's profits by £18m a year.

Most of the cost of this will be felt in the next financial year, but the brokers endorse BA's view that the net impact on the airline's profitability may be less than £18m. BA should be able to make money out of the South American routes by tying them into its Caribbean operations in a way that BCal could not. In any case it will not be long, the brokers argue, before the deficiency is made up by higher revenue from other parts of BA's network.

These short-term measures on profits have to be set against the continuing substantial advantages which BA will enjoy after the transfers are implemented, Wood, Mackenzie and Phillips and Drew point out, in what is likely to be a recurrent theme in the sales pitch for the BA flotation. BA continues to operate out of Heathrow, one of the best airports in the world, and its structure of international routes is one of the most lucrative of any airline.

The hacking away of unprofitable routes by BA's management between 1980 and 1982 has cut its passenger carrying capacity by 13 per cent, but has left it with a route network in which all its main market centres are now earning money.

Many of its routes are served by international scheduled services where fares are tightly regulated, and where the scope for a squeeze on profit margins through competition is severely restricted. North Europe, the Middle East and Africa (BAs most consistent money-spinner) are the areas where BA is most vulnerable to competitive pressures on fares. But the airline is well equipped, the brokers say, to offset lower fares by increases in off-peak traffic.

BA is now the most profitable international airline in the world, and analysis of its figures show that it has reached this position by a determined assault on its costs, with a consequent sharp jump in "breakeven load factors" effectively the number of passengers it has to get into an aircraft before it starts making money.

So since 1980, load factors in BA's aircraft have remained virtually static – with the airline operating at 63.4 per cent of capacity now against 64.6 per cent in 1980. But the breakeven load factor has been trimmed from 64.4 per cent four years ago to 55.2 per cent now. The difference has produced BA's profits.

Costs and revenue are likely to grow very much in tandem from now. The brokers expect BA's operating profits as a percentage of sales revenue to remain between 11 and 12 per cent for the next three years.

All of this is predicated, however, on annual growth in sales volume of 5 per cent a year. Whether this is achieved must remain one of the main imponderables behind BA's forecast growth in profits.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● SILENTNIGHT HOLDINGS: Half-year to July 28. Intm. Div. 1p (same). Figs. in £000. Turnover 37.750 (35.598). Pretax profit 1,100 (2,090). Tax 188 (12). Reorg. costs 222 (nil). EPS 2.03p).

● COMFORT HOTELS INTERNATIONAL: The purchase of the Dee Motel in Aberdeen for £1.07m has been completed. The Dee Motel, which has already been under Comfort's management for five years on behalf of the previous owners, stands on a feehold site of two and a quarter acres

● SMITH, ST AUBYN (HOLDINGS): Interim 1. 5p (same). The board reports that the rise in base rates from 8½ – 8¾ to 10½ per cent during the period from April 6 to September 30 has resulted in the company making a loss, which is well covered by undisclosed reserves.

● CORONATON SYNDICATE (Figures in S. African currency). Year to Sept 30. Figs in R000. Divs received 288 (1,375). Pretax profit 175 (1,326). Tax 5 (30).

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1983/84 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Shares manage late rally as bargain hunters move in

By Derek Pain

The stock market suffered another tense session yesterday. Although equities closed well up on their low point of the day, the late rally lacked conviction and was prompted by bargain hunters and a few long-term funds taking advantage of the shake-out.

At one time the FT 30-share index. and plunged a further 14.4 points to its lowest level since early August. But a modest rally developed and inrelatively thin trading the index recovered to close just 4.2 points down at 834.5 points.

Even so in three trading days, which have included the biggest one-day fall since the index was created nearly 50 years ago, the leading market indicator has tumbled 47.1 points.

The more broadly based FT-SE index closed 10.9 points lower at 1,088.9. It had been 20.2 points down earlier.

According the Datastream, yesterday's fall wiped £1,769 million from market values. In the past three days the slump is £8.5bn. The Datastram figure indicates that the second line stocks were hit particularly severely yesterday. The USM suffered a sharp fall. Its index post, more than 2 points to 100.07 points.

The markets were again fretting about the miners' dispute and the possibility of an oil price war following the Norwegian and British National Oil Corporation price cuts. With Abu Dhabi again reducing prices and Opec calling an emergency meeting, the oil sector remained unsettled.

The continuing problems of sterling on the foreign exchange and worries of higher interest rates contributed to the ragged state of the market.

Government stocks started with falls of up to £1 at the longer end of the market, but later recovered to close near their overnight levels. "Shorts", at one time down £½, also reduced their falls. The final money supply figures helped sentiment.

Imperial Chemical Industries, where third-quarter figures are due next week, turned in a remarkable performance, helping to ease the 30-share index's discomfort. After Wednesday's 22p fall, the shares fallied 12p to close at 664p.

Profits of UDO Holdings, which is coming to the Unlisted Securities Market, have soared from £71,000 in 1981 to £805,000 in the year ended last July. The shares are being placed by Hill Samuel, the merchant bankers, and Wood Mackenzie, the broker, at 110p, putting them on a price-earnings ratio of 13. Dealings are due to start next Thursday. The company supplies almost anything a drawing office might need - from a pencil to an instant print service.

There were indications that American investors were again displaying interest. Hopes are also running high that next week's profits will strengthen market hopes that ICI will make more than £1 bn this year.

Hawker Siddeley, the engineering group which played such a crucial role in Wednesday's slide, with its unexpectedly cheerless interim statement, was at one time down another 12p before closing 4p lower at 389p, a two-day fall of 58p.

Hanson Trust fell to 233p as two lines of stock went through the market. Once they were absorbed the shares recovered to close at 236p, down 6p on the day.

Imperial Group, down 10p on Wednesday largely on the British medical association's proposals for tighter restrictions on tobacco promotion, fell a further 2p to 157p before recovering to an unchanged 159p.

But Hoare Govett, the broker, feels the market has overreacted to the BMA suggestion. Mr Peter Temple, an analyst, points out that any restrictions on promotion would lead to an effective freezing of market share and Imps, as the major force in industry would therefore benefit.

In addition the industry overall would save some £100m a year in promotional costs which particularly help Imps.

Horizon Travel fell 13p to 145p. Uncertainty over the level of travel bookings was one factor. Another was the failure of Grand Metropolitan to mount a takeover bid following its build up to a 4.9 per cent shareholding.

Grand Met would like an agreed offer. A contested bid, which could drive away Horizon's top management, would be self-defeating as the group wants the Horizon team to beef up its own package holiday operations.

BL, as the Motor Show continued in Birmingham, was hit by a flurry of selling from the Midlands and fell 4p to 39p.

Chubb, the security group, gained 13p to 280p before shading a few pence as **Racal** emerged victorious from the long-running takeover confrontation.

Applied Holographics, which graduated to the USM from the OTC market in June, is now ready to unleash its product on the world after 18 months of intensive research and development.

Yesterday it unveiled its hologram copier, the first commercial machine to reproduce low-cost, high-volume holograms under non-laboratory conditions.

United Guarantee, the lubricants group, stuck at 17p yesterday, against a 49p high, although interim profits have surged from £75,000 to £257,000 and the dividend is doubled to 10 per cent. The profit surge is due to improved efficiency and has been achieved from sales £1.6m down at £7.1m.

Oils suffered another battering although by the close had recovered much of the ground lost. **British Petroleum**, at one time down 15p, ended at 456p, down 10p. Burmah Oil quietened down after all the takeover excitement with a 1p fall to 213p. **Enterprise Oil** fell 7p to 173p and **Shell** lost 15p to 611p. **Lasmo** drifted 2p to 306p.

Equity turnover on Wednesday was valued at £320.534m from 18, 494 deals. Gilt transactions were 3,059. Total number of United Kingdom and Irish stocks traded was 170.5m.

WALL STREET

	Oct 17	Oct 16
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● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Cash call at Estates Property

Estates Property Investment Company (EPIC) is raising £7.64m by a rights issue, which will be underwritten by Baring Brothers. This will enable it to repay bank borrowings and reduce its exposure to fluctuating interest rates.

The issue consists of 10¾ per cent convertible loan stock, 1994-1999, at par, on the basis of £2 nominal of stock for every five ordinary shares. The stock is convertible at the rate of 62.5 ordinary shares for every £100 nominal of stock. Epic's institutional shareholders, Royal Insurance and National Provident, have undertaken to subscribe in full for their own entitlements, which are 11.33 and 7.85 per cent respectively.

Phoenix Assurance has renounced its entitlement to 29.64 per cent of the issue, with half going to Royal and half to National Provident.

In brief

- **WALKER AND HOMER**: Dividend 0.5p (nil) for year to July 31. Figures in £000. Turnover 22,529 (20,853). Pretax profit 455 (589). Tax 154 (credit 4). Extraordinary debit 77 (nil). EPS 2.25p (4.43p).
- **RTZ METALS** has reached agreement with Penarroya and Coframines, French mining companies, for the purchase of their aggregate 49 per cent shareholding in Somincor. Somincor is a Portuguese company, formed to develop the Neves-Corvo copper and complex ore deposits in southern Portugal. The consideration for the 49 per cent is payable in cash by RTZ Metals and represents considerably less than 5 per cent of the asset value of the Rio Tinto-Zinc Corp.
- **SCOTTISH MORTGAGE AND TRUST**: Half-year to Sept 30. Interim dividend 3.2p (2.9p). The board expects that the total dividend will be at least 6.8p (6.4p). Figures in £000. Gross investment income 8,950 (8,093). Tax 1,459 (1,552). Available for ord shareholders 2,758 (2,649). EPS 3.82p (3.67p).
- **DAVIES AND NEWMAN HLDGS**: Interim 3p (same). Figures in £000. Turnover 99,911 (78,722). Pretax loss 2,970 (loss 2,760).
- **STRIKES RESTAURANTS**: By October 17, acceptances of Garfunkels' offer for Strikes had been received for 6.01 million ordinary shares of Strikes (96.53 per cent). Of those acceptances, shareholders representing 5.46 million Strikes' shares elected to receive the cash alternative. All conditions, including the approval of Strikes' shareholders to the associated asset transactions as described in the offer docummeent, have now been satisfied and the offer has become unconditional in all respects and the cash alternative has now closed. The offer will remain open for a further 14 days and Garfunkels intend to compulsorily aquire all outstanding shares.
- **M Y DART**: Half-year to June 30. Intm Div 0.25p (same). Figs in £00. Turnover 10,576 (12,023). Pretax profit 105 (loss 45). No tax (nil). The board reports that while profitability has not matched the company's ambitions, the board believes that action taken should lead to a further uplift in performance in 1985.
- **CAROS CORPORATION**: After its recent acquisition of a 78 per cent interest in the Australian electronics firm, Ran Data, Caris is to seek shareholders' approval for a change of name to Ran Data Corporation and the disposal of its main mining asset, its stake in the Union South joint gold venture near Kalgoorlie, Australia. The chairman, Ron Wise, explains that computer-related interests now comprise the company's most important activity and that the sale of the Union South stake will provide funds to assist expansion on the electronics side.

TEMPUS

Anchor follows the trend at last

Since 1978, profits at Anchor Chemical have risen and fallen in alternate years with almost monotonous regularity. This year will be no exception. Full year profits of £641,000 in 1983 were exceeded by yesterday's interim profits of £762,000 and with trading in the third quarter already showing sustained progress the company is in line for a record year.

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of yesterday's results, which saw pretax profits more than treble, is that it has taken Anchor so long to produce this type of performance. The chemical sector is approaching the top of its cycle and for most companies the spectacular figures are already in the past.

The answer is to be found in the rationalization and restructuring programme which Anchor has implemented over the last few years. The balance of trading has shifted away from rubber chemicals into curing agents and monomers. Costs have been reduced substantially and at last the benefits are filtering through.

The company's erratic trading record makes it difficult to believe that this year's profit growth will be sustained and the shares, up 4p to 190p, a high for the year, might find it difficult to go much further unless there is any activity from the American group Leksi, which has a 29.2 per cent stake in Anchor.

Gilts

Last week's refusal by the authorities to allow base rates to fall was broadly vindicated by yesterday's events in the gilts market. At approximately quarter to twelve, the market's Panglossian optimism suddenly evaporated.

Short dated gilts shot through the 12 per cent yield mark, leaving the yield curve steepening into a classic angle of distress.

The detailed money supply figures for banking September carry the sense of confusion into official statistics. The growth in £M3 was far higher than the market had expected, at 1.3 per cent.

Sadly, bank lending, which had seemed to be on a declining trend from the peak Spring levels of £1.5bn or so, shot head from £700m in banking August to £1.46bn.

With both the main credit generators, Government borrowing and bank lending, behaving erratically, the authorities may be forced to maintain their reliance on a fairly quixotic array of funding instruments.

Public sector debt sales, for example in banking September, relied heavily on the National Savings 28th issue, which attracted nearly £900m, compared with gilts sales, for monetary control purposes, of just £74m. Outflows across the exchanges, which can be treated as residual funding, drained another £500m out of the system. Net non-deposit liabilities accounted for a further £200m.

Yet the double-edged nature of these funding techniques is clear. Net non-deposit liabilities have drained deposits from the system, as the banks wrote leasing business. But the Chancellor's bid to raise Exchequer revenues may reverse that trend. The competitive edge of the 28th issue perhaps kept mortgage rates high as the building societies bid for deposits. The impact of the sterling outlfows shows up in the 2.3 per cent rise in M3, after valuation adjustments to UK foreign currency deposits.

After these figures, the Government Broker's drive to sell gilts in banking October is hardly surprising.

High Street rents

The strength of the retail property market, currently the darling of the investment world, makes takeover bids in the high street well worth watching. Retail property has been outstripping other sectors of the property market for some time with real growth in both capital and rental values. The boom in consumer spending looks set to go into the next year with sales in the household goods sector very strong.

The institutions and private investors are paying top prices for retail investments in good locations and are vying for key sites both on the edges and outside towns, with potential for large stores.

As St Quintin, the chartered surveyor, and Laing & Cruickshank, the broker, point out, the traditional high street will have to adapt to changing circumstances.

This shift to large stores on the edge of, or out of town will make the high street shop uncompetitive in trading terms but will turn it into a potentially valuable property asset, for redevelopment or sale. The takeover bid by Dixons for Currys shows the attraction that a largely freehold retail portfolio has for an aggressively managed company with a good track record in property.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The pound continued under strong pressure on foreign exchanges yesterday, hitting a low against the dollar, and the basket of international currencies.

Early selling pressure saw the pound tumble to $1.1820, but it recovered in the afternoon, then lost this gain. The pound finally closed off the bottom, but still at a record closing low of $1.1860, a fall of 1.5 cents on the previous close. The pound also suffered against the continental currencies, and was heavily sold against the Deutsche mark, dropping to 3.6895, a fall of five pfennigs on the day. It closed at DM3.7050.

STERLING SPOT and FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range October 18	Market rates close October 18	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.1820-1.1970	$1.1855-1.1865	0.04 prem-disc	0.03 prem-disc
Montreal	$1.5700-1.5860	$1.5740-1.5750	0.17-26c disc	0.60-0.80c disc
Amsterdam	4.1650-4.2100fl	4.1700-4.1800fl	1¼-¾c prem	4¼-4¼c prem
Brussels	74.60-75.60f	74.60-74.70f	2 prem-3c disc	5 prem-5c disc
Copenhagen	13.31-13.43k	13.31-13.32k	⅛-1¼ore disc	3⅛-4⅛ore disc
Frankfurt	3.6950-3.7350m	3.7000-3.7100m	1⅝-1⅜pf prem	4⅝-4⅛pf prem
Lisbon	193.00-197.00e	194.40-195.80e	175-488e disc	480-1395e disc
Madrid	207.10-208.50p	207.20-207.40p	20-50p disc	100-150p disc
Milan	2275.00-2295.00lr	2275.00-2277.00lr	9-12lr disc	27-32lr disc
Oslo	10.65-10.73k	10.65-10.66k	1⅞-2⅝ore disc	6¼-7¼ore disc
Paris	11.31-11.42f	11.31-11.32f	par-⅜c disc	1¼-2c disc
Stockholm	10.41-10.49k	10.41-10.42k	2⅝-3⅛ore disc	7⅝-8⅛ore disc
Tokyo	294.00-298.00y	295.00-295.50y	1¼-1⅛y prem	3⅝-3⅛y prem
Vienna	25.80-26.20sch	25.85-25.90sch	9⅝-7⅝gro prem	24⅝-21gro prem
Zurich	3.02-3.07f	3.02-3.03f	1⅝-1¼c prem	4¼-3⅝c prem
Dublin	1.1940-1.2048p	1.1940-1.1950p	9-28p disc	48-67p disc

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down 0.9 at 74.3 (day's range 74.8-74.2).

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	0.9950-0.9980
Singapore	2.1670-2.1690
Malaysia	2.4090-2.4140
Australia	0.8305-0.8315
Canada	1.3280-1.3285
Sweden	8.7850-8.8050
Norway	8.9900-8.9901
Denmark	11.22-11.25
West Germany	3.1180-3.1200
Switzerland	2.5500-2.5530
Netherlands	3.8170-3.8200
France	9.5300-9.5400
Japan	248.68-248.80
Italy	1916-1921
Belgium(Comm)	62.80-62.90
Hong Kong	7.8248-7.8278
Portugal	161-164
Spain	174.90-175.10
Austria	21.88-21.93

OTHER £ RATES

Australia	1.4276-1.4306
Bahrein	0.4480-0.4520
Finland	7.6425-7.6825
Greece	149.70-151.70
Hongkong	9.2916-9.3030
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.3580-0.3620
Malaysia	2.8606-2.8691
Mexico	238-260
New Zealand	2.4636-2.4709
Saudi Arabia	4.2310-4.2710
Singapore	2.5758-2.5778
South Africa	2.1396-2.1464

Rates Supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

EURO-$ DEPOSITS

(%) calls, 11-10; seven days, 10⅛-9⅞; one month, 10⁵⁄₁₆-10³⁄₁₆; three months, 10¹¹⁄₁₆-10⁹⁄₁₆; six months, 11-10⅞.

MONEY MARKETS

The sliding pound sent rates firmer, posing the risk of a rise in bank base rates. Rates mostly ended off the top, three-month Interbank term deposits, for instance, registered 11⁵⁄₁₆-³⁄₁₆ at one stage, but ended ³⁄₁₆ below their hightst point.

Activity was mainly directed to the area from one of three months in activity largely confined to reducing exposures. There was no material position-taking.

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10½

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 11 Low 6

Week Fixed: 9¾-9½

Treasury Bills(Dis%)

Buying	Selling
2 months 10⁷⁄₁₆	2 months 10⅝₁₆
3 months 10⅜₂	3 months 10⅝₂

Prime Bank Bills(Dis%)Trades(Dis%)

1 month 10⁷⁄₁₆-10⅝₁₆	1 month 11¹⁄₁₆
2 months 10⁵⁄₁₆-10⅝₁₆	2 months 11¹⁄₁₆
3 months 10⅝-10⅝₁₆	3 months 11
6 months 10⅝-10⅝	6 months 11⅛

Local Authority Bonds

1 month 11-10⅞	7 months 11-10⅞
2 months 11-10⅞	8 months 11-10⅞
3 months 11-10⅞	9 months 11-10⅞
4 months 11-10⅞	10 months 11-10⅞
5 months 11-10⅞	11 months 11-10⅞
6 months 11-10⅞	12 months 10⅞-10⅞

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates(%)

1 month 10¹¹⁄₁₆-10⁹⁄₁₆	6 months 10⅞-10⅞
3 months 10⅞-10⅞	12 months 10⅞-10⅞

Local Authority Market(%)

1 day 10	3 months 10⅞
7 days 10½	6 months 10⅞
1 month 10½	1 year 10⅞

Interbank Market(%)

Overnight: open 9½-9 Close 10¹¹⁄₁₆

1 week 9⅞-9⅞	6 months 11⅛-11
1 month 10⅞-10⁹⁄₁₆	9 months 11⅛-11
3 months 11⅛-11	12 months 11⅛-11

First Class Finance Houses(Mkt.Rate%)

3 months 11⅛ 6 months 11⅛

Finance House Base Rate 11

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US$ per metric ton.

RUBBER	
Nov	630-80
Dec	640-90
Jan	650-00
Feb	660-10
Mar	670-20
Apr	680-30
May	690-40
Jun	700-50
Jul	710-55
Jan Mar	660-20
Apr Jun	690-50
Jul Sep	715-80

SUGAR	
Dec	145.00-146.60
Mar	161.20-161.40
May	167.80-168.00
Aug	176.60-176.80
Oct	184.40-184.80
Dec	191.60-193.00
Mar	206.00-208.40
Vol	2,404

COCOA	
Oct	2300-00
Dec	1934-33
Mar	1904-02
May	1906-05
Jul	1912-11
Sep	1916-15
Dec	1899-96
Mar	1925-60
Vol	2,821

COFFEE	
Nov	2547-2545
Jan	2383-2382
Mar	2276-2273
May	2242-2240
Jul	2238-2236
Sep	[illegible]
Nov	[illegible]
Vol	4,438

GAS OIL	
Oct	218.00-16.00
Nov	221.80-21.25
Dec	224.75-24.00
Jan	223.50-23.25
Feb	222.00-20.50
Mar	218.00-14.00
Apr	214.00-06.25
Vol.	8,080

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Unofficial prices.
Official turnover figures.

Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce

Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	1048.00-1049.00
Three months	1073.00-1074.00
T/O	8,475
Tone: Firm.	

STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	1050.00-1051.00
Three months	1070.00-1071.00
T/O	25
Tone: Quiet.	

TIN STANDARD	
Cash	9745-9750
Three months	9725-9727
T/O	430
Tone: Steady	

TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	9765-9775
Three months	9750-9760
T/O	10
Tone: Quiet.	

LEAD	
Cash	336.50-337.50
Three months	344.00-344.50
T/O:	4,125
Tone: Barely Steady.	

ZINC STANDARD	
Cash	626.00-627.00
Three months	621.00-622.00
T/O	2,525
Tone: Steady.	

ZINC HIGH GRADE	
Cash	697.00-707.00
Three months	663.00-667.00
T/O	Nil
Tone: Idle.	

SILVER LARGE	
Cash	606.0-606.5
Three months	622.2-622.5
T/O:	29
Tone: Steadier but quiet.	

SILVER SMALL	
Cash	606.0-606.5
Three months	622.2-622.5
T/O:	Nil
Tone: Idle.	

ALUMINIUM	
Cash	849.00-850.00
Three months	873.50-874.00
T/O:	7,475
Tone: Easier.	

NICKEL	
Cash	4055-4060
Three months	4134-4136
T/O:	636
Tone: Firm.	

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET

In US $ per oz.

Dec	343.60-343.70
Vol	335
Tone: Quiet.	

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES

Rudolf Wolff Financial Services Ltd.

Mnth	Vol	Setlmt
YEN		
Dec'84	3	4042
Mar'85	–	–
Mar'85	–	–
Comment: Slightly weaker.		
STERLING		
Dec'84	1016	1.1885
Mar'85	1000	1.1890
Jun'85	–	1.1908
Comment: Slightly better.		
D-MARK		
Dec'84	82	3232
Mar'85	–	3273
Jun'85	–	–
Comment: Variable.		
SWISS FRANC		
Dec'84	69	3947
Mar'85	–	–
Jun'85	–	–
Comment: Mixed.		
SHORT STERLING		
Dec'84	4364	8906
Mar'85	408	8913
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Comment: Falling.		
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Dec'84	4163	8902
Mar'85	233	8871
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Dec'85	–	8762
Comment: Strong.		
T-BONDS		
Dec'84	2605	6826
Mar'85	–	6808
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Comment: Robust.		
GILTS		
Dec'84	4930	10410
Mar'85	–	10328
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Comment: Weakening.		
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Dec'84	656	10905
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GB: Cattle, 94.81p per kg lw (−0.64).
GB: Sheep, 151.14p per kg est d c w (+0.19).
GB: Pigs, 90.46p per kg lw (−3.86).
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Cattle nos. up 3.7 per cent, ave. price, 94.04p (−0.62).
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The British Overseas Trade Board, determined to make more manufacturers chase sales (worth £8.3 billion last year), has asked Guy Durham, partner in a New York advertising agency, Homer & Durham, to give advice to first-timers. The book he has written, *Marketing in the USA*, says: "All too often, marketers will rush in without decent information, pleading too little time or money for research – and placing their futures wholly on hunches."

Experienced exporters usually divide the country into nine marketing regions, he stresses. Closest to Britain is New England, one-time industrial centre of North America, which now has only 5 per cent of the US population.

As far distant again, and most disappointing in terms of British sales, is the Pacific region. It stretches from Seattle and Washington (home of the Boeing) to San Diego – and happens to take in Los Angeles, San Francisco and 14 per cent of American people on the way.

He does not advise rushing off to Alaska which, like Hawaii, are not usually included in the nine marketing regions. In 32 punchily written pages, he hammers home the point that much help and advice is freely available, as are copies of his book from Room 235, the BOTB, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET.

Watching who builds what

By Lorna Bourke

Getting London taped: Geoff Marsh, left, and Peter Brown

It is not always the inventor of a product or the initiator of a concept who is best placed to see the commercial applications. Geoff Marsh started compiling information on who was developing what City office block, where, and who the main contractors were, he was working as chief property analyst at the chartered surveyors, Jones Lang Wooteen. He knew there was a wide demand for this sort of data, because a steady flow of people phone, seeking specific details.

It was only when he met up with Stephen Usher-Smith and Peter Brown, a computer expert, that the commercial applications of the data he had amassed, dawned on him.

Mr Marsh explains "Stephen pointed out that there were loads of people, from office-cleaning contractors to design consultant, people not directly involved in the property business – who would be delighted to get their hands on this information."

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■ The prospect of failure is the thing most would-be entrepreneurs push to the back of their minds. But the biggest single cause of companies' collapsing, the way in which cash requirements increase in direct proportion to the build-up of turnover, results often from management's not catering for it in advance. So says Brian Warnes, managing director of Midland Bank Venture Capital, in the sixth edition of *Sources of Business Finance*, just published at £4.95, plus 35p postage.

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and

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No. 001174 of 1984

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE
COMPANIES ACT 1948

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(1) the sanctioning of a Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation; and

(2) an Order under Section 208(2) of the above-mentioned Act that all the property, assets, rights and powers of the above-named Bakubhai & Ambalal Limited and Greswell (hereinafter called "the Companies") as existing at the commencement of business on the business day next after the date on which the said Scheme shall have become effective in accordance with the terms thereof shall at such commencement of business as aforesaid by virtue of such Order and without further act or deed be transferred to and vest in Hilliards for all the estate and interest of the Companies therein but subject to all mortgages and charges (if any) then affecting the same or any part or parts thereof and that at such commencement of business as aforesaid all the debts liabilities and obligations of the Companies as then existing shall by virtue of such Order and without further act or deed be transferred to and become the debts liabilities and obligations of Hilliards and that all proceedings (if any) pending by or against the Companies on the said date be continued by or against Hilliards and for the dissolution of the Companies as in the said Section provided.

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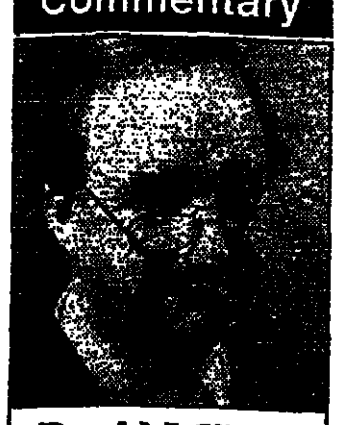
Sports Commentary



David Miller

The best thing about England's World Cup victory over moderate Finland was not so much the emergence of Mark Hateley as an old-fashioned English centre forward genuinely capable of frightening even the better foreign defences, but that five goals were scored and the television screens were blank. The worst thing is that the next opportunity to entice a newly enthusiastic public back to Wembley is not for five months, Brazil having been invited for a friendly on March 27. If it were November, curiosity would fill the house.

Yet before you hurry to dial your travel agent or bookmaker to inquire about 1986 prices for Mexico – long, I suspect, on both counts – it is worth reflecting that one Finnish scalp on an October evening does not make Bobby Robson an imminent English version of Zapata, in the midday sun of Guadalajara. Let us be grateful merely for an encouraging start in which the promise shown against East Germany was handsomely confirmed, and should continue against Turkey next month.

What Robson should bear in mind about Mexico is that the conditions of altitude and extreme heat – it was 97deg when England kicked off at midday against West Germany in that fateful quarter-final in Leon – impose factors which alter the character of the game. The matches in 1970 were slow and strolling in midfield. Of the 95 goals in 32 matches, 43 were scored in the last half hour or in extra time, when fatigue eroded tactical organization.

Not the place for a 'running about' team

In other words, whatever England may achieve at Wembley, in Mexico they will need a team able, above all, to control and retain the ball, making it do the work. Playing at 7,000ft is not the place for a "running-about" team. In 1970 West Germany and Brazil, it will be recalled, had at centre forward the exceptional Muller and Tostao.

In such climatic circumstances a target centre forward, as he is nowadays termed, playing with his back to the defence, and with the skill to control absolutely the passes played through to him, is more economically appropriate, as Geoff Hurst was, than a more interchanging player. Bobby Robson wisely has reservations about Hateley, whose meteoric rise in four months from Fratton Park to Wembley and San Sio is in danger of making him a celebrity before he has justified the acclaim of stardom.

Robson said: "Italy has not improved Hateley, but it is a new experience in education. He is lucky to have Wilkins with him in Milan to guide him. He has immense potential. There are not too many like him in the world, with size, strength and pace. He will have more time to practise in Italy than in England, having fewer matches. When he can control a ball like glue, exclusively for himself, then we can start to talk about him being a great player."

Ball-playing central defender needed

Glorious goal though his second may have been, Hateley made too many errors, gratuitously pardoned by a happy audience, the like of which by Mariner would have been criticized. The post-war pedigree of tall, conventional, successful English centre forwards, from Lawton through Milburn, Lofthouse, Tommy Taylor, Kevan, Smith, Hitchens, Peacock, Hurst, Royle and Chivers down to Latchford, is one which Hateley seems sure to join, but the real examination lies ahead.

The encouragement is that there is clearly the making of a team with balance. Can Steve Williams, three caps behind him, form the middle line with Wilkins and Bryan Robson? He has the steel of Stiles or Mullery – occasionally too much – but, as the manager observed, he needs to adapt to the specific right-sided responsibility: flexibility between defence and attack, concentrating particularly on supporting Hateley on the far post for knock-downs from crosses by Barnes.

My concern would be the partnership of two tall central defenders, Butcher and Wright. We may have no Bobby Moore these days – a great ambassador shamefully ignored by the FA at Wembley on Wednesday, when they afterwards entertained minor politicians and functionaries – nor even a Colin Todd, but it will be essential in Mexico to have one ball-playing central defender. The time may come sooner rather than later to switch Bryan Robson and recall Rix or Cowans on the left. There is seldom a successful international team without an outstanding player as a free, thinking central defender.

Robson stumbles across a solution

By Stuart Jones,
Football Correspondent

Thirty nations have now crossed the starting line in the seven World Cup qualifying races that are to be run between Europe and Mexico. East Germany and Turkey have yet to join in, nine others have been left behind in the blocks and England, after their opening burst on Wednesday night, have emerged at the head of the field.

Their victory, 5-0 over Finland at Wembley, is the most convincing so far. Even the reigning European champions from France set off at a more leisurely pace last Saturday in Luxembourg. Bobby Robson, whose preparations lasted effectively for only 20 minutes, cannot realistically have expected his chosen men to respond more positively.

None more so than Hateley, the scorer of the first and third goals. Robson, who described him as a composite of Tommy Taylor and Nat Lofthouse, has stumbled across the answer to his attacking problem. But for injuries, the young centre forward would not have risen to prominence either in South America or in midweek.

Hateley, now furthering his education in Italy, is still learning (none of his main subjects concerns the tightening of his control), but his potential is both rich and exciting. Unless he in turn suffers from some ailment, he is clearly the man who should lead England during the next 13 months in their attempt to qualify.

Mariner and, in particular, Withe are too old to be considered as the main contenders for 1986. Blissett and Allan are too inaccurate and Francis is too frail. Hateley's scoring record already surpasses that of Woodcock, who was involved in the messy second goal against the Finns but missed several opportunities to increase his own total.

Wednesday night was illuminated by another sparkling individual performance. Although the contribution of the uncapped Stevens was limited to 45 minutes, he proved that his value lies beyond mere versatility. He brought a balance and a liveliness to the right flank, that was missing when Duxbury, who was faltering even before straining his groin and calf, was there.

Golden smiles: England's scorers Sansom (left) and Hateley.

Bryan Robson, who claimed the fourth, was as influential as usual before his also departed early to protect his troublesome hamstring. Wilkins was even more prominent and Sansom crowned a flawless display at left back by adding the fifth, his first for his country, with his right foot.

A thin veil of doubt still hangs over the central defensive partnership, of Butcher and Wright, since their lone task was to support the attack. Fenwick and Watson, whose solid resistance was one of the most encouraging features of the South American tour, are unfortunate not to be given the same chance as Hateley to confirm their combined promise.

The only other misgiving surrounds Williams, Southampton's captain, on the right side of midfield. Accustomed to taking the leading role, the left the post allocated to him by his country too often without reasonable excuse. But until the more gifted Hoddle comes back from injury and the less talented Lee returns to form, his position will remain relatively secure.

Although the progress of Barnes is disappointingly slow after his golden moment in Brazil, England's creative department in general – Wilkins in particular – is encouragingly full of thoughtful ideas. Seventeen clear openings were carved into the East Germans last month, of which only one was taken, and more than double that figure into the Finnish defence.

Yet England's triumph, crushing though it was, should be put into perspective. Finland are sure to finish among the European stragglers and may even be left holding only the two points they gained by beating Northern Ireland. That was their seventh victory in a Word Cup qualifying tie.

Finland are among the decreasing number of dwarfs that inhabit the continent. The others are Malta and Luxemburg, who both went down 4–0 in their opening games, Cyprus, and Albania, who lost 3–1 to the depleted Belgians. Others have risen in stature and are no longer overshadowed by the giants.

Switzerland, for instance, have yet to drop a point or concede a goal in group six. On a night littered with surprises, they defeated Denmark, who put England out of the European championships and went on to reach the semi-finals. Norway, another country with England among their recent victims, added the Republic of Ireland to the list.

Stein full of beans after finding right blend

By Hugh Taylor

Jock Stein pinpointed the reasons why Scotland have taken such an assured first step on the World Cup trail to Mexico in one word yesterday: blend. As he reflected on the 3-0 victory over Iceland which had been achieved by a bright, enthusiastic and occasionally polished display, he revealed: "It is blend that matters most in a World Cup campaign. You must get it exactly right."

His ingredients are hard professionalism, confidence and flourishes of traditional Scottish brilliance. Yet Stein is embarrassed. "I sigh and feel awkward when I realize just how many highly skilled players of quality we have had to leave out," he said.

But Stein is more pragmatist than romantic and he declares: "It is not necessarily the best players who make up the best team." While there remains a nagging worry that Scotland should have scored more goals against stubborn but inimaginative opponents, there is already an encouraging balance and maturity about the current side, which augers well for the home game against Spain next month. "There is a settled look about us," said Stein, "and that gives me confidence that we can gain top place in our group.

"Don't forget that this was the World Cup debut for Nicholas, Johnson, Cooper and Nicol, who all did exceptionally well and, more importantly, can only improve."

While 19-year-old Paul McStay distinguished the match with two goals and a display of all his superb natural talents, the manager was at pains to stress that it was the all-round team effort which gave the country their second successive win and proved that their emphatic victory over Yugoslavia was no fluke.

It has to be remembered that most of the players at Hampden were involved in the recent disastrous European championship which ended with Scotland firmly entrenched at the foot of a modest group.

So what has happened? The beaming manager explained: "The truth is that the World Cup is something else for Scots, and it looks as though this great competition has again steeled and prompted the players into fulfilling their real potential."

GOLF

Player nominates Ballesteros as best in the world

From Mitchell Platts,
Madrid

Who is the best golfer in the world? That perennial debate, currently featuring Severiano Ballesteros and Tom Watson, received further food for thought after Ballesteros had compiled a 66 – six under par – for the first round lead in the Johnnie Walker Trophy on the La Moraleja course here yesterday.

Gary Player, who partnered Ballesteros, and who has won a thing or two in his time, has no doubts. "There is no question that Seve is the best", Player insisted. "Why? Because he has a greater selection of shots, a super short game and a fantastic attitude."

There has always been a special affinity between these two great gladiators of the game. Remember, it was Ballesteros who partnered Player when the South African charged to a memorable win in the US Masters in 1978.

Ballesteros has moved on since then to win two US Masters of his own, in addition to two Opens. He has never won the Johnnie Walker Trophy but, after a 61 in the pro-am on Wednesday, which included a hole in one, he emerged bristling with confidence.

Player returned a 68, to be one of five players on that mark, but Ballesteros, relaxed and determined, was in no mood to allow anybody to overshadow him. He began with six regulation pars. But, with the news filtering through along the caddie grapevine that Bernhard Langer had started with four birdies in his first six holes, Ballesteros sprang to life with a vengeance.

Seven birdies in the next 10 holes, during which he holed from outside 10ft on five occasions, catapulted Ballesteros into the lead, although he spoiled the sequence by missing from four feet for another birdie at the last.

Ballesteros: still boyish

Player, who collected five birdies, is convinced that Ballesteros would fare better in America, in the long term, if he was married. Player says: "Sevvy finds the life difficult over there, which is a shame, but if he had a wife he would be more settled and I think then he would prove to all the Americans that he is the best golfer in the world".

The South African, of course, is clinging to the hope that he will win his first title since the Chile Open in 1980.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB unless stated): 66: S Ballesteros (Sp). 68: G Player (SA) B Langer (WG) J Rivero (Sp), J Gonzalez (Br): 69: B Dassu (It): 70: C Strange (US), M Pinero (Sp). 71: J Garaialde (Fr). 73: H Clark, J Anderson (Can)

TOKYO: International tournament: Leading first round scores (Japan unless stated) 65: T Shimpson (US). 66: S Kawamata. 67: T Nakajima, N Kanaumi, T Ozaki, K Suzuku, M Kuramoto: Y Iwashita, K Hasegawa. Other scores: 69: N Faldo (GB), H Irwin (US); 70: S Torrance (GB)

CRICKET

Zaheer the magnificent

Lahore (AFP) – Zaheer Abbas, the Pakistan captain played a magnificent undefeated innings of 168 to lift his team from the threat of defeat to the hope of victory against the Indian tourists on the second day of their first test at the Gaddafi stadium here yesterday. At close of play Pakistan were 428 for nine.

PAKISTAN: First innings	
Mohsin Khan b Chetan Sharma	4
Mudassar Nazar c Gavaskar b Chetan Sharma	15
Qasim Omar c Mohinder Amarnath b Ravi Shastri	46
Javed Miandad c Mohinder Amarnath b Chetan Sharma	34
Zaheer Abbas not out	168
Salim Malik c and b Ravi Shastri	45
Wasim Raja c Mohinder Amarnath b Kapil Dev	3
Ashraf Ali c Gavaskar b Gaekwad	65
Tauseef Ahmed c Gavaskar b Maninder Singh	10
Jalaluddin l-b-w b Ravi Shastri	2
Azeem Hafeez not out	17
Extras (n-b 11, w 1, l-b 7)	19
Total (9 wkts)	428

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-54, 3-100, 4-110, 5-195, 6-212, 7-354, 8-394, 9-397.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 31-4-109-1; Chetan Sharma 29-2-94-3, Roger Binny 8-1-20-0; Ravi Shastri 46-12-80-3; Mohinder Amarnath 4-0-19-0; Maninder Singh 40-10-95-1; Gaekwad 1-0-4-1.

IN BRIEF

Wright in charge

Gordon Wright is to succeed Andy Norman as manager of England's men's athletics team. Wright was assistant manager at the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane. Norman is leaving his job as a Metropolitan Police sergeant and cutting down in his athletics commitments.

SNOOKER: The Mercantile Credit classic at the Spectrum, Warrington has prize money of £200,000. More than 70 professionals will play in qualifying rounds for 16 places from November 30 to December 4.

YACHTING: Jenna de Rosnay (US) set a women's record of 25.27 knots at Portland (John Nicholls writes).

West Germany's gold medal-winning Olympic dressage team will not be disqualified despite the discovery of promazine in Muscadeur. Procedures for tests had not been strictly observed.

POWERBOATING: Keith Schellenberg, from Eigg, set a British national record of 69.64mph for the IIIE class of offshore powerboat at Windermere.

Irish eclipsed by Jacobsen

The Republic of Ireland's World Cup hopes suffered a blow on Wednesday night when they lost 1-0 to Norway in Oslo.

Pal Jacobsen eclipsed Liam Brady, of Inter Milan, and Frank Stapleton, of Manchester United, by scoring his sides winning goal, to give Norway thier first victory over the Irish since 1937 and their first win in four matches in group six.

Jacobsen ran on to a through ball from Larsen Okland to score three minutes before half-time.

Eleven turtles – that was how the country's biggest newspaper described **Denmark's 1–0 group six defeat by Switzerland in Berne.**

"It's not that we lost, it's the way we lost", said another paper, after the side's lacklustre performance. They fell behind to a superb goal by Umberto Barberis three minutes before the interval, and were never able to breakthrough a disciplined Swiss defence to equalize.

West Germany kept their record of never having lost a World Cup qualifying game by beating **Sweden** 2-0 in group two. A goal by the substitute Uwe Rahn, after 72 minutes – his first touch in international football – sent the Germans on their way against the dour Swedes. Karl-Heinz Rummenigge sealed victory two minutes from time, scoring his first international goal in almost a year.

Belgium scored two goals in the last six minutes to beat **Albania** 3-1 in their group one qualifying game in Brussels.

Hungary deservedly won their group five away match against the **Netherlands** 2-1 after coming from behind. Kieft headed the ball home from a corner to put the Netherlands ahead but five minutes later Detari equalized with a sizzling shot from 20 yards. In the second half Esterhazy clinched victory for the Hungarians and they could even afford to miss a penalty. The victory took Hungary to the top of group five with a four points from two matches.

Poland recovered from a shaky start to win their group one match against Greece 3-1 in Zabrze.

Allison puts will into Willington

By Paul Newman

Willington are hoping that the appointment of Malcolm Allison as manager will help restore their reputation as one of the leading non-league clubs in the north-east.

Willington won the FA Amateur Cup in 1950 and have been Northern League champions three times, but have had a lean spell in recent years. Only a year after relegation from the first division, they had to seek reelection to the Northern League this summer when finishing bottom of the second division.

Allison took charge of the team on Tuesday night and has made an immediate impression. Bill Stevenson, Willington's commercial manager, who was responsible for bringing Allison to the club, said: "The players have responded well to Malcolm, and he seems to be enjoying it, too. It's given the club a boost and there are already some new players interested in joining us."

Allison, who is receiving only expenses, was dismissed as manager of Middlesbrough earlier this year and has joined Willington on the understanding that he will help them until he finds a job elsewhere. His predecessor was Alan Durban, who was temporarily out of work after his departure from Sunderland and stayed only a few weeks after becoming manager of Cardiff City.

Gola League sides are continuing to find life difficult in the FA Cup. Of the eight who have had to play in the early stages, only three – **Frickley Athletic, Kidderminster Harriers and Nuneaton Borough** – are through to the fourth qualifying round. **Wealdstone**, the Gola League leaders, were knocked out by **Grays Athletic** (Isthmian League), **Bath City** by **Frome Town** (Western League), **Gateshead** by **Blue Staf** (Wierside League). **Barrow** by **Marine** (Northern Premier League) and **Runcorn** by **Leek Town** (Northwest Counties League).

Two Northern Premier League clubs have parted company with their managers after poor starts to the season. *Buxton* are to advertise for a replacement for Evan Sutherland, who had been at the club for only eight months, and **Chorley** are looking for a successor to Tom Hawarth, who was in his second season in charge.

Chorley have sold Chris Hunter, a forward, to Preston North End for £2,000 just nine months after signing him from the same club on a free transfer. Chorley will receive a further £2,000 if Hunter is retained by Preston next season. Paul Lillygreen, a midfield player signed from Newport County, has become the twenty-ninth player to appear in Yeovil Town's first team this season.

Ged Keegan, who won a League Cup winners' medal with Manchester City in 1976, has joined Altrincham, the Gola League club, after a short spell at Rochdale.

Malvern 7 Victoria College 0

Malvern extended a stormy welcome to their Channel Island visitors, Victoria College, who were under strength

Absence of Rush is no excuse

By Clive White

There was not much left for Wales to say after a 3–0 defeat by Spain in the Benito Villamarin stadium in Seville on Wednesday evening had left them on the bottom of World Cup qualifying group seven without a point and with barely a hope of involvement in Mexico two years hence.

Mike England, the Wales manager, reiterated his frustration at not being able to play Rush, just recovering from his cartilage operation. The news that he might be fit to play in the Merseyside derby tomorrow pleased England considerably less than it would have done a week ago. There has been a tendency by England, I feel, to overstate the importance of Rush.

Certainly Rush would have helped Wales' cause greatly, but I disagree with England that it would have changed the course of this match. England almost drools at the prospect – certainly an exciting one – of playing together Rush and Hughes, whom he thought was magnificent.

England believed that had a goal by Hughes been allowed to stand, it would have put a different complexion on matters. But football is full of "ifs", and while the scoreline might have ended 1-1, it was much more likely to have ended 6-0 but for the exceptional goalkeeping of Southall.

Wales' hopes are now wrapped around the young players like Phillips and Slatter, the approval of a British knockout cup at the meeting of the four home associations next week and the prospect of winning all their remaining four qualifying matches with Rush to guide them.

Tottenham pin hopes on live link

Tottenham Hotspur, fearing that crowd trouble at their UEFA Cup match in Bruges next Wednesday could result in a ban from Europeau competition, are planning to set up a television or radio link at White Hart Lane, at a cost of £30,000, to relay the match live to their supporters, who have been urged not to travel. There would be no charge for admission.

The club have arranged a meeting with the UEFA general secretary, Hans Bangerter, in Switzerland on Monday to discuss their worries, and have sent back their allocation of 550 stand tickets. Tottenham officials are annoyed at the lack of cooperation from Bruges over crowd arrangements. Hoddle stands by for his first League game for eighth months at Manchester United tomorrow.

- **Derby County have completed the signing of the Oxford United forward Steve Biggins for £20,000. Biggins will make his debut in tomorrow's home match with Hull City.**

- **Hearts completed the signing yesterday of Sandy Clark from Rangers for £35,000.**
- **Gerry Francis the former England captain, has signed to play for Swansea City for the remainder of the season. He makes his first appearance for them at home to Walsall tomorrow.**
- **Colin Todd became part of Luton's first team squad yesterday when his international clearance papers arrived from Canada following his transfer eight days ago from Vancouver Whitecaps.**

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

World Cup
Group three

ENGLAND (2) 5 FINLAND (0) 0
Hateley 2, Woodcock,
Robson, Sansom 47,234

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	1	1	0	0	5	0	2
N Ireland	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Finland	2	1	0	1	1	5	2
Romania	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Group six

NORWAY (1) 1 REP IRELAND (0) 0
Jacobsen 12,468

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	2	2	0	0	2	0	4
Norway	4	1	1	2	2	3	3
Denmark	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Rep Ireland	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Soviet Union	2	1	0	1	1	2	1

OTHER MATCH: Switzerland 1, Denmark 0

Group seven

SCOTLAND (2) 3 ICELAND (0) 0
McStay 2, Nicholas Attendance 52,829

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Spain	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Iceland	2	1	0	1	1	3	2
Wales	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

OTHER WORLD CUP GAMES: Group one: Belgium 3, Albania 1, Poland 3, Greece 1. Group two: West Germany 2, Sweden 0 Group five: Netherlands 1, Hungary 2.

UEFA UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group five: Netherlands 1, Hungary 0 Group six: Switzerland 1, Denmark 1. Group eight: Belgium 5, Luxembourg 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Worksop 2, Hyde 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Dudley 1, Alvechurch 1, Folkestone 4, Canterbury 0; Milton Keynes 0, Aylesbury 2; RS Southampton 1, Dorchester 0; Rushden 4, Camb City 1; VS Rugby 3, Leicester United 1; Welling 1, Dunstable 1; Willenhall 4, Oldbury 2.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley 0, Coventry 2, Sheffield United 4, Newcastle 0; Stoke 0, Liverpool 2; West Brom 0, Nottingham Forest 2. Second division: Bolton 4, Grimsby 3. Doncaster 3, Sunderland 3; Hull 2, Wigan 1; York 2, Wolves 3

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Reading 3, Luton 2

FA CUP: Third qualifying round replays: Blue Star 3, Gateshead 1; Buckingham 1, Heybridge Swifts 0; Whitby 5, Rynope CA 1.

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bury Town 1, Great Yarmouth 3. Chatteris 1, Stowmarket 2; Sudbury 5, Haverhill 2.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Alleyn's, Dulwich 0, Cambridge Univ Falcons 4; Hampton 1, Salesian, Chertsey 0; Harvey GS 4, Oakwood Park 1, Highgate 2, Shrewsbury 0; King Edward's, Witley 0. Victoria, Jersey 0; Newport GS, Essex 1, Brentwood 3.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Bastia 2, Auxerre 2, Bordeaux 6, Metz 0; Brest 1, Sochaux 0; Lille 3. Strasbourg 0; Nancy 2, Laval 3; Paris St Germain 4, Lens 3; Toulon 1, Racing Paris 0; Toulouse 1, Monaco 2; Tours 2, Marseille 2. Leading positions: 1, Bordeaux, 21 pts; 2, Nates, 19; 3, Auxerre, 15

UAU MATCH: Loughborough University 3, Worcester University 3.

CALCUTTA: Asian Nations Cup: Group three, qualifying match: India 2, Pakistan 0.

SINGAPORE: Merlion Cup: Group A: Netherlands 3, Indonesia 0. Group B: South Korea 3, Chile 1.

Changed days for striker who never struck

How Nicholas has been remade in midfield for his club and country

Simon Barnes

Megastar turned superflop turned midfield maestro: Charlie Nicholas has run the gamut of football's cliches in a year. No wonder he feels old.

"When you're young," he said, looking back down from the Olympian heights of 22 years, "you don't think about things below you – and I was only 20 when I hit the top in Scotland. But I've known a lot of bad times since then."

He came to London as Arsenal's new scoring sensation, but London unmanned him and he couldn't find the goal. He appeared in newspaper centre folds in white leather suits. He was a disco footballer with an ear-ring. It reminded one of poor old George Best, except that poor old Charlie seemed to have destroyed himself before he even started.

Sportsmen know what to say about this sort of thing: I never let the pressure get to me, I've never worried about the press, I always knew the goals would start coming again. Nicholas happens to be more thoughtful than that. "I really did feel under pressure last year. An awful lot of pressure. Not at first. At first it all seemed so easy." Two goals in the second match, "Charlie Pays Off" in the headlines, and it looked like a case of light the blue touchpaper and stand well back.

"It was in the fourth and fifth match that the pressure started. We were beaten by Manchester United, and then by Liverpool, and it all started going wrong. Arsenal play a different system to Celtic; at Celtic I used to get the ball all the time. Now I wasn't getting passes. I wasn't fitting in. And I started feeling envious of Ian Rush, even of Norman Whiteside. They were getting goals. Why not me?"

The premature obituary writers had a fine time of it last year as Nicholas's sombre November declined into Stygian December. Nicholas, it was said, had gone to the wrong club, and for the wrong reason. London, the downfall of many a Scot, seemed to have destroyed him.

"Being in London was at first like being on holiday all the time. Everything open all the time – it was not like that in Glasgow!" he said. "But I really did not come to London to make money from commercial interest. I mean, you can do just as well in Manchester or Liverpool. I just wanted to play for the right club.

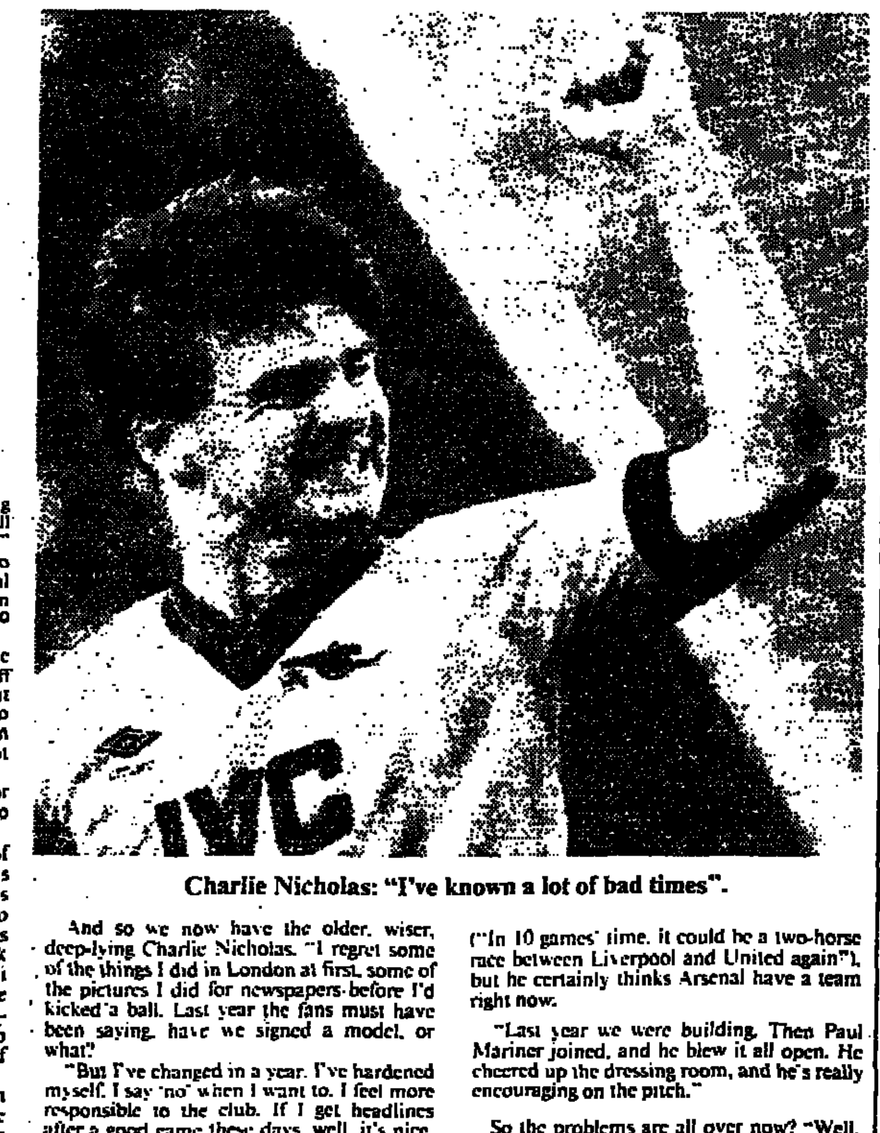
"Liverpool – well, I wasn't going to make them *better*, was I? They could only fall off from their high standards, and I didn't want to be a part of that. I *did* want to go to Manchester United. And I liked Ron Atkinson. But I just sensed the club was not right for me. I panicked at the time. . . ."

Arsenal hardly seemed the right club for him, either. Nicholas became the striker who never struck.

When the goal-scoring sensation of yesterday starts to feel the weight of his years, and "the legs start to go," as footballese has it, he steps back into midfield. This is what happened to Nicholas

It was also a new trade, and one that took a few months to learn. He watched Platini win the European championship for France from midfield, and his footballing imagination was fired once again. The move to midfield has been not so much the making of him as the remaking.

"I can see what's going on," he said. "At first I thought I wouldn't be allowed into the box, but after watching Platini, I'm coming into the box at the right time, and I can see it all in front of me. I see the whole picture. And I think vision is my greatest asset. Look at the players who are the real crowd pleasers these days – Hoddle, Souness, Dalglish – they are all players whose best talent is their vision."



Charlie Nicholas: "I've known a lot of bad times".

And so we now have the older, wiser, deep-lying Charlie Nicholas. "I regret some of the things I did in London at first, some of the pictures I did for newspapers before I'd kicked a ball. Last year the fans must have been saying, have we signed a model, or what?"

"But I've changed in a year. I've hardened myself. I say 'no' when I want to. I feel more responsible to the club. If I get headlines after a good game these days, well, it's nice, but I know it's down to the team. And that's how I think of myself – just part of the team."

No ordinary team, though. Nicholas has had too intimate a relationship with disappointment to predict that Arsenal will win the championship, despite current form ("In 10 games' time, it could be a two-horse race between Liverpool and United again"), but he certainly thinks Arsenal have a team right now.

"Last year we were building. Then Paul Mariner joined, and he blew it all open. He cheered up the dressing room, and he's really encouraging on the pitch."

So the problems are all over now? "Well, you always say that when things are going well, don't you? But there's a real buzz at Arsenal, and it's great to be a part of it. I feel I was right about Arsenal all along. It can all change, of course – that's why football is so exciting. But I'm a bubbly person – it's nice to bubble again, you know".

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

SYDNEY: New South Wales Open: Leading first round scores (Aus unless stated): 69: I Baker-Finch; 70: R Shearer. 71: P Senior. 72: R Mackay, W Dunk, D Merriman; M Harwood: 73: R Stephens; R Davis, T Gale, P Fowler: O Moore, 74: M Bembridge (GB), R Pederson: D Clark (NZ): B Murray (US); G Norman; G Serhan; K Dukes, A Gresham; Kyi Hla Han (Sing).

TENNIS

ATP RANKINGS: 1, J McEnroe (US); 2, I Lendl (Cz); 3, J Connors (US), 4, M Wilander (Swe), 5, A Gomez (Ec); 6, A Jarryd (Swe); 7, H Sundström (Swe), 8, E Teltscher (US); 9, J Nyström (Swe); 10, Jh Arias (US).

MELBOURNE: Melbourne Indoor Championships: Men's singles: Second round: P Cash (Aus) bt K Warwick (Aus), 6-4, 5-7, 6-1; M Freeman bt J Frawley (Aus), 7-5, 6-4 Quarter-finals: M Mitchell (US) bt B Drewett (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; C Hooper (US) bt M Leach (US), 7-5, 7-6; M Bauer (US) bt M Freeman (US), 7-6, 7-6; P Cash (Aus) bt W Masur (Aus), 6-1, 6-7, 6-3

STUTTGART: Women's tournament: First round: S Goles (Yug) bt R Uys (SA), 6-1, 7-5; H Sukova (Cz) bt C Benjamin (US), 6-1, 6-3. Second round: T Phelps (US) bt S Hanika (WG), 6-0, 6-1; B Bunge (WG) bt S Goles (Yug), 6-4, 7-6; H Sukova (Cz) bt Y Vermaeck (SA), 6-3, 4-6, 7-6.

TOKYO: Grand Prix tournament: Men's singles, second round: V Amritraj (India) bt M Davis (US), 7-6, 6-4; E Korita (US) bt W Scanlon (US), 6-3, 7-6, (7-4), A Gomez (EC) bt T Gullikson (US), 6-3, 6-7, 7-5; M Dickson (US) bt G Michibata (Can), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; M Wilander (Swe) bt B Testerman (US), 6-3, 6-2; J Connors (US) bt R Green (US), 6-4, 6-2; I Lendl (Cz) bt M Anger (US), 6-0, 6-2; R Krishnan (India) bt Z Kuharszky (Hun), 6-0, 6-4

COLOGNE: Grand Prix tournament: Men's singles, second round: M Mecir (Cz) bt C van Rensburg, 6-0, 6-3; Tim Wilkison bt S Glickstein (Isr), 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; S Mayes (US) bt M Purcell (US), 6-1, 2-6, 6-3; P Slozil (Cz) bt E Edwards (SA), 6-2, 6-4

MANCHESTER: Superbowl indoor championship: Singles, First round: (Port Talbot) bt C Knowles (Bolton), 7-3, 7-0, D Bryant (Clevedon) bt A Murray (Ire), 7-0, 7-2. Second round: G Niven (Manchester) bt R White (Lockerbie), 7-6, 3-7, 7-3; W Wood (Edinburgh) bt B Sutherland (Livingston), 7-2, 7-3; J Bell (Wigton) bt D Gourlay (Prestwick), 7-4, 7-0; N Burrows bt K Galvin, 7-5, 7-0

BASEBALL

HAUAWA: World amateur championship: Japan 9, Italy 1 (Japan qualify for finals); Taiwan 0, South Korea 2; Nicaragua 1, Puerto Rico 5; Cuba 9, Netherlands Angilles 2; United States 4, Netherlands 2 (United States qualify for finals); Panama 2, Dominican Republic 1.

FOOTBALL

CALCUTTA: Asian Cup: Group Three, qualifying match: Malaysia 4, North Yemen 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers 3, Queen's Park Rangers 2

SINGAPORE: Merlion Cup: Group B: Iraq 3, South Korea 0; Argentina 1, Chile 0.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University 0, AFA XI 1.

CZECHOSLOVAKIAN LEAGUE: Zul Zilina 4, Inter Bratislava 2; Lokomotiv Kosice 1, Bohemians Prague 0; T J Vitkovice 5, Dukla Prague 1; Sparta Prague 2, SZTS Olomouc 0; Slovan Bratislava 0, Banik Ostrava 0; Tatran Presov 1, RH Cheb 0; Bukla Banska Bystrica 3, ZTS Petrzalka 1.

Leading positions: 1, Banik Ostrava, 13pt; 2, Bohemians Prague, 12; 3, Sparta Prague, 11.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Fluminense 1, Olaria 0; Corinthians 3, Santo Andre 2; Palmeiras 1, Ponte Preta 0; Santos 3, Taquaritinga 1; Taubate 1, Piracicaba 1, Internacional 1, Jau 0; Guarani 1, Portuguesa Desportos 0. Leading positions: Rio de Janeiro State: 1, Bangu 6pts; Zequal, Flamengo and Volta Redonda, 4; São Paolo State: 1, Palmeiras, 42; Santos, 40; 3, São Paolo, 38.

OTHER MATCH: Mexico 2, United States 1.

RUGBY UNION

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Loughborough 68, Warwick 0.

OTHER MATCH: Aston University 21, Keele University 6.

TOUR MATCH: London Division 3, Australians 22.

CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery 17, Newport 31; Bridgend 21, Swansea 30; Bristol 46, Clifton 6; Cardiff 9, Pontypool 9; Ebbw Vale 15, Gloucester 24; Maesteg 16, South Glamorgan Institute 13; Norwich 6, RAF 3; Plymouth Albion 34, Exeter University 7; Pontypridd 9, Aberavon 6, Tredegar 3, Newbridge 19; Headingley 41, Leeds University 6.

BASKETBALL

ANGLO SCOTTISH CUP: First round: Crystal Palace Supersonics 73, Worthing Bears 95; Bracknell Pirates 87, Hemel and Watford Royals 97; FSO Cars Warrington 101, Telford Turbos 84; McEwan Tyneside 75, Calderdale Explorers 73.

HOCKEY

LONDON LEAGUE: Cambridge University 1, St Albans 3

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: London University 3, President's XI 1; RMA Sandhurst 0, Army 9.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Third division
Cambridge v Wigan

Fourth division
Halifax v Darlington
Southend v Scunthorpe
Stockport v Crewe

RUGBY LEAGUE

Second division
Bramley v Salford

HOCKEY: Norwich Union International Tournament: Great Britain v Ireland (5.30); Netherlands v USSR (7.15).

BASKETBALL: Anglo Scottish Cup: First round: Sunderland v Doncaster Panthers (7.30).

GOLF: Aer Lingus Schools tournament: Qualifying rounds: Royal Wimbledon and South Herts.

BOWLS: Superbowl (in Manchester).

RACKETS: Pro-Am Doubles (Seacourt).

REAL TENNIS: Women's Handicap Singles (Hampton Court).

SPEEDWAY: British League: Wolverhampton v Belle Vue (7.30); Oxford v Reading (7.45). National League: Hackney v Canterbury, postponed, track waterlogged (new date, Oct 19).

RACING: UNBEATEN IRISH COLT TO CONTINUE THE O'BRIEN STRANGLEHOLD ON DEWHURST STAKES

Law Society's chance to state classic case

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Law Society can continue Vincent O'Brien's stranglehold on the William Hill Dewhurst Stakes by maintaining his unbeaten record at Newmarket today at the expense of Local Suitor. First Nijinsky and then Cellini, The Minstrel, Try My Best, Monteverdi, Storm Bird and El Gran Señor, in that order, have been examples of O'Brien's fine touch in this race.

Without putting Law Society in the same league as El Gran Señor the word from Ireland is still that he will be very hard to beat following a particularly encouragaing gallop last Saturday. Nevertheless, it is conceded that it is still anyone's guess whether the best of the Irish is superior to his English counterpart.

One man who should know is Law Society's jockey, Pat Eddery, who shuttles to and from both countries regularly during the course of the season. Eddery has ridden Law Society in all his races and he also rode Bassenthwaite into third place behind Local Suitor in the Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury last month. Eddery was reluctant to put his head on the block when we discussed today's race recently but I formed the impression that he thought that Law Society would be equal to the task.

Having been mystified by the total and utter eclipse of Gorytus in this race two years ago, Dick Hern will obviously derive enormous pleasure from seeing Local Suitor do well. Watching Local Suitor win that Mill Reef Stakes over six furlongs, he looked to be crying out for a longer trip, which is precisely what confronts him now, yet I still prefer Law Society.

If, as is thought, Heraldiste is much the same sort of horse as Presidium, he should not beat Local Suitor, bearing in mind the Mill Reef Stakes form. As for the others, I regard Waafi, a stable companion of the Royal Lodge Stakes winner, Reach, to be a greater danger than the French challenger, Noblequest, whose form, although good in his own country, still looks vulnerable at international level.

Following that encouraging performance a fortnight ago when she was surprisingly pipped by her stable companion Tundra Goose, Starlite Night is the big local tip to win the Rockfel Stakes. But experience and overall form inclines me to go with **Ulla Laing** who ran on really well to beat the smart Safka when winning the Firth of Clyde Stakes at Ayr.

Carrying the same colours as those that will be worn by Eddery on Law Society, **Leadburn** has a good chance of winning the Fakenham Handicap even with 9st 10lb on his back. At Ascot he wore down Insular in the final furlong, and at York only last Saturday Insular paid his conqueror a vivid tribute by winning his next race with ridiculous ease.

Not much has gone right for Frank Durr this season, so he will derive considerable pleasure if winning the the Phantom House Handicap and the Melbourn Handicap with **Bee's Dance** (3.40) and **Suffice** (4.45). Bee's Dance was runner-up to Far Too Young in his last race a fortnight ago, and in the meantime the winner has come out again and won a *listed* race in Ireland.

At Catterick I regard **Quiet Fall** as the best bet on the card to win the Zetland Guarantee Stakes, while at Lingfield, if the overall form means anything, **Finian's Rainbow** should get the better of Giada to win the Truman Bitter Stakes.

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 2.0 Duke Of Cambridge, Little Spark, Penzance Pirate. 3.10 Sharp Romance. 3.40 Saxham Breck.
CATTERICK BRIDGE: 2.30 Prince Of Beauty, Northern Parade. 3.30 Ma Gigi, Norska, Ravone. 4.0 Mystic Boy.
LINGFIELD: 3.15 Matchstick Man, Naji, Lowe, Charlie Burton. 3.45 Show Low. 4.15 Finian's Rainbow, Abbey Stadium.

Brocade boosts Harwood hopes

By Michael Seely

Guy Harwood started the Houghton meeting on a high note at a blustery Newmarket yesterday when Brocade confirmed her ranking as a high-class three-year-old filly with an emphatic defeat of Prego in the Bisquit Congnac Challenge Stakes. "If she comes out of this race all right, Brocade will probably go to France for the Prix de la Forêt," the Pulborough trainer said. "I'd like to keep her in training as a four-year-old, but whether she'd race over here or be sent to the United States to be trained, would have to be decided."

The race developed into a battle of wits between Greville Starkey on the winner and Pat Eddery on the runner-up. Eddery had Robert Sangster's Hungerford Stakes winner perfectly placed to challenge at the top of the hill, but when Starkey asked Brocade to quicken, the issue was quickly settled. The 5-4 favourite won by three lengths with Forzando three quarters of a length away, third.

Brocade has now won four of the five starts of her career for her owner-breeder, Gerald Leigh, the filly's sole defeat havding occurred at the hands of Teleprompter in the Prix Quincey at Deauville in August. "That was easy," a triumphant Starkey afterwards said. "Brocade doesn't even know she's had a race."

Like his friend and rival, Michael Stoute, who landed a double at Haydock Park with My Volga Boatman and Much Too Risky, Harwood has now saddled 90 winners this season. An important weekend lies ahead for the Sussex trainer. Raft is strongly fancied for tomorrow's Dubai Champion Stakes, as are Symbolic and Asir in the Tote Cesarewitch the same afternoon. And on Sunday, Alphabatim will be attempting to become the first English-trained winner of the Washington International at Laurel Park since Karabas in 1969.

Other big race news came from Luca Cumani, who said that Rae Guest had been engaged to ride Tolomeo in the Champion. Lester Piggott, will of course, be on board Free Guest. "Both horses are in tremendous shape," the Newmarket trainer said. "Free Guest is obviously improving quickly, but she still has it all to prove in this company. Tolomeo, on the other hand, is very consistent and never runs a bad race."

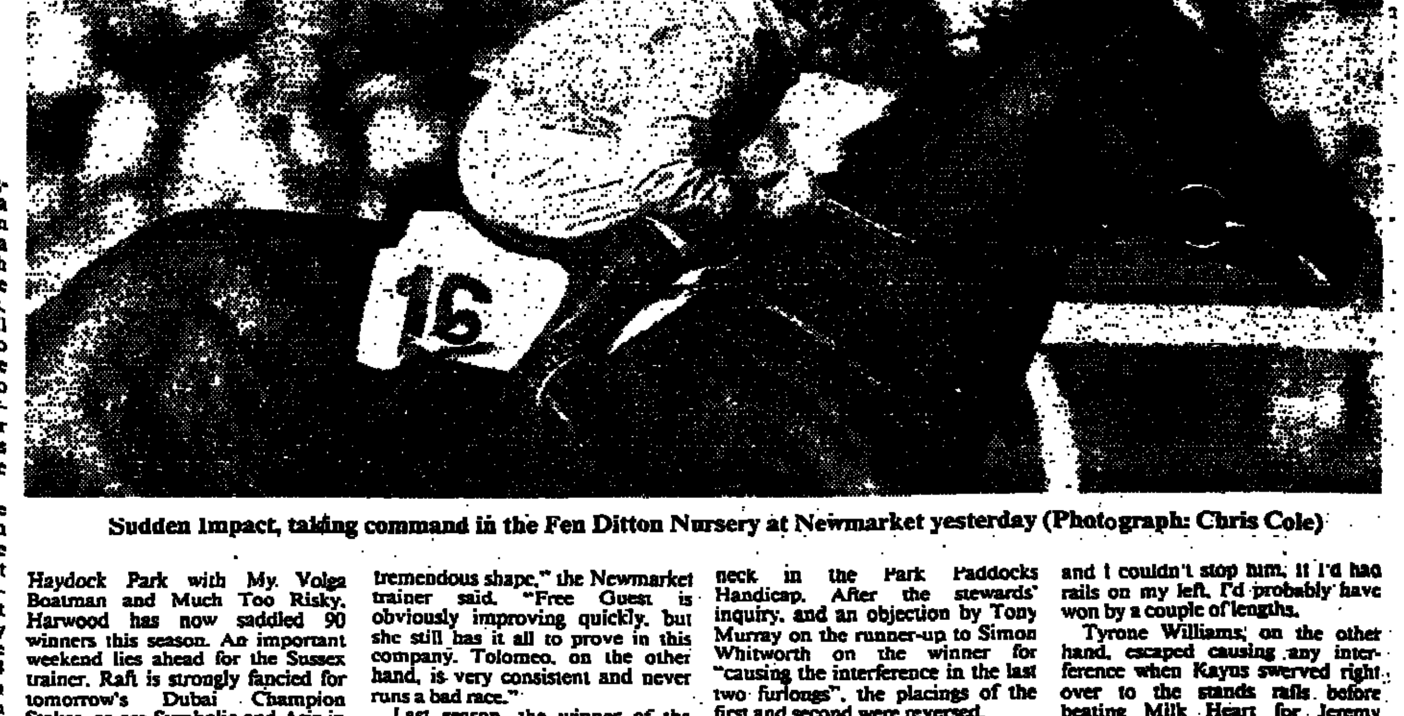
Last season, the winner of the Budweiser Million finished runner-up to Cormorant Wood, before being disqualified and placed fourth. "The horse is very well," the 33-year-old Guest said. "I ride him in all his work, and was on board the four-year-old when he finished third to Teeonoso in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot."

The stewards were in action after Vital Boy had beaten Jerry Can by a neck in the Park Paddocks Handicap. After the stewards' inquiry, and an objection by Tony Murray on the runner-up to Simon Whitworth on the winner for "causing the interference in the last two furlongs", the placings of the first and second were reversed.

The head-on view of the camera patrol film showed clearly that Vital Boy had veered into Jerry Can at least twice, and in view of the narrowness of the winning margin, the authorities were justified in their action. "Justice has been done," Murray said. "Not only did Whitworth bump me, but his whip was also threatening my fellow." Whitworth took his reverse philosophically. "There was a high wind and I couldn't stop him; if I'd had rails on my left, I'd probably have won by a couple of lengths.

Tyrone Williams, on the other hand, escaped causing any interference when Kayus swerved right over to the stands rails before beating Milk Heart for Jeremy Hindley in the Fordham Handicap. Now with 50 winners to his credit, Williams flies to Denmark this afternoon for the Long John Scotch Whisky European apprentice championship.

Finally, William Hills reported heavy support for Law Society for this afternoon's Dewhurst Stakes. After laying Robert Sangster's Alleged colt to lose £14,000, they have trimmed his price to 13-8.



Sudden Impact, taking command in the Fen Ditton Nursery at Newmarket yesterday (Photograph: Chris Cole)

NEWMARKET (Ch4)

[Televised: 2.35, 3.10, 3.40, 4.10.]

GOING: good
Draw: no advantage.
Tote double: 3.10, 4.10. Treble: 2.35, 3.40, 4.45.

2.0 BOSCAWEN SELLING STAKES (2-y-o: £3,019: 1m) (16 runners)

101	4300	AFRICAN STEAL (B Donald) W Musson 8-11	S Cauthen	5
105	040000	DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE (B) (A Richards) C Brittain 8-11	G Baxter	4
106	00340	EL GALILEO (Mrs F Durr) F Durr 8-11	G Starkey	13
110		HIGH ENCOUNTER (R Ward) P Felden 8-11	–	15
113	000	LITTLE SPARK (B) (D McIntyre) R Sheather 8-11	T Quinn	2
116	000000	MOSS EMPIRE (Mrs H Beaufort) R Hannon 8-11	A McGlone	16
118	0000	PENZANCE PIRATE (B) (Mrs J Nicolaides) C Brittain 8-11	Gay Kelleway 5	14
121		SWEET DESTINY (Prince Yazid Saud) S Norton 8-11	J Lowe	1
122	00	TERRA DI SIENA (Roldvale Ltd) C Horgan 8-11	E Cullen 7	8
124	00	ASHBOCKING (T Warner) M Jarvis 8-8	B Raymond	11
125	000	CUSHY (N Hall) F Rohan 8-8	–	7
126		FLOWER OF TINTERN (D Laing) D Laing 8-8	M Malham	12
127	003020	FLYING SCARLET (D Hodges) P Makin 8-8	Pat Eddery	6
129	00	MAYFLOWER GIRL (Sir J Musker) W Hastings-Bass 8-8	T Ives	10
130	000000	MISS MAGNETISM (B Levy) G Blum 8-8	R Fox	3
131	000320	TOPHAMS SECURITY (R Topham) T Fairhurst 8-8	R P Elliott	9

1983: Blue Wonder 8-8 S Cauthen (7-1) D Elsworth 16 ran.

11-4 Flying Scarlet, 7-2 African Steal, 5 El Galileo, 6 Tophams Security, 8 Terra Di Sienna, 10 Duke Of Cambridge, Moss Empire, 14 others.

Newmarket selections

By Mandarin
2.0 African Steal. 2.35 Leadburn. 3.10 LAW SOCIETY (nap). 3.40 Bee's Dance. 4.10 Ulla Laing. 4.45 Suffice.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 African Steal. 2.35 Johnny Crown. 3.10 Kala Dancer. 3.40 Camisite. 4.10 Starlite Night. 4.45 Suffice.
By Michael Seely
2.35 Leadburn. 3.10 LOCAL SUITOR (nap). 4.45 Suffice.

2.35 FAKENHAM HANDICAP (£4,939: 1m 4f) (13)

201	1-0101	LEADBURN (D) (S Niarchos) G Harwood 3-9-10	G Starkey	12
202	00-123	JOHNNY CROWN (Studcrown Ltd) L Cumani 3-9-3	L Piggott	4
203	231-013	COULEE QUEEN (D) (A Boon) B Hills 3-8-12	S Cauthen	5
204	302240	ABERFIELD (CD) (G Kaye) P Kelleway 7-8-11	Gay Kelleway 5	2
205	000230	BUCKLOW HILL (N Nuttall) J Fitzgerald 7-8-7	A Murray	1
206	110000	DANCING ADMIRAL (D) (W Gredley) C Brittain 4-8-7	Pat Eddery	9
207	014134	CARO'S GIFT (D) (R Smith) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-7	T Quinn	7
210	133200	LAURIE'S PANTHER (L James) C A Bell 3-8-3	–	11
212	223000/	DRAGON PALACE (D Winfield) D Elsworth 6-8-1	D Brown 7	8
213	044041	KINGSWICK (CD) (G Greenwood) M Naughton 4-7-13 (5 ex)	W Carson	13
214	101011	SARAH'S VENTURE (D) (Mrs J Jackson) C Horgan 5-7-12	A McGlone	6
215	040221	WESTERN DANCER (D) (Roldvale Ltd) C Horgan 3-7-11	M Hills	13
216	020202	QUICKSTEP (B) (M Simmonds) C Brittain 3-7-10	J Lowe	10

1983: Both Ends Burning 3-7-7 T Williams (9-1) H Candy 14 ran.

4 Sara's Venture, 9-2 Kingswick, 11-2 Coulee Queen, 6 Leadburn, 15-2 Caro's Gift, 8 Western Dancer, Johnny Crown, 12 Dancing Admiral, 16 others.

FORM: LEADBURN (8-13) driven out to beat Insular (8-10) 1l at Ascot with CARO'S GIFT (8-2) 4½l away 4th (1m 4f, £6097, good, Sept 29, 6 ran). JOHNNY CROWN, (9-8) 5½l 3rd to Fandango Light (7-9) at Ascot (1m 4f, £4852, good to firm, Sept 28, 9 ran). COULEE QUEEN, (9-5) 5l 3rd to Acerate, earlier (8-5) beat QUICKSTEP (7-7) ¾l at York (1m 4f, £3804, good to firm, Aug 23, 7 ran). BUCKLOW HILL (8-13) 7th to Insular (9-7), earlier (7-11) 4l 3rd to Crazy (8-13) at York. DANCING ADMIRAL (8-4) in rear (1m 6f, £42405, good to firm, Aug 22, 14 ran). DANCING ADMIRAL, (9-1) earlier beat Mubarak of Kuwait (9-6) 1½l at Sandown (1m 6f, £2933, good to firm, July 26, 9 ran). KINGSWICK, (7-7) beat Rostova (7-9) over course and distance, ABERFIELD (8-5) 6th and DRAGON PALACE (7-10) 11th (£4822, good to soft, Oct 5, 11 ran). SARAH'S VENTURE (7-13) beat Gourtionist (8-7) a neck at Goodwood (1m 4f, £2847, good to soft, Oct. 16 ran).
Selection: LEADBURN.

3.10 WILLIAM HILL DEWHURST STAKES (Group I: 2-y-o: £39,868: 7f) (11)

301	210324	BRAVE BAMBINO (Mrs P Yong) J Etherington 9-0	T Ives	9
302	1	HERALDISTE (D) (D Wildenstein) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	1
303	1	KALA DANCER (CD) (R Tikkoo) B Hanbury 9-0	G Baxter	2
304	111	LAW SOCIETY (D) (S Niarchos) M V O'Brien (Ire) 9-0	Pat Eddery	3
305	11	LOCAL SUITOR (Shaikh Mohammed) W Hern 9-0	W Carson	8
306	11231	NOBLEQUEST (D) (Prince Bendar Al Kabir) R Collet (Fr) 9-0	Y Saint-Martin	10
307	412314	NORTHERN CHIMES (Mrs J Shune) E Eldin 9-0	B Raymond	4
309	31130	ROTHERFIELD GREYS (A Bingley) C A Bell 9-0	W R Swinburn	6
311	142024	SHARP ROMANCE (B) (C) (Shaikh R Al Khalifa) P Kelleway 9-0	J Lowe	11
312	1231	TOM BOAT (D) (Mrs J Bryce) R Armstrong 9-0	L Piggott	5
313	1	WAAFI (D) (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	7

1983: El Gran Senor 9-0 Pat Eddery (7-4 fav) M O'Brien (Ire) 10 ran.

6-4 Local Suitor, 15-8 Law Society, 9-2 Heraldiste, 10 Waafi, 14 Tom Boat, 20 others.

FORM: HERALDISTE, (9-0) beat Severn Bore (9-0) 7l at Yarmouth (7f, £1452, soft, Sept 20, 20 ran) KALA DANCER (9-0) made all when beating Al Riyadh (9-0) 1¼ over course and distance (£4380, good to soft, Oct 5, 28 ran). LAW SOCIETY, (9-0) beat Concert Hall (9-0) 1l at the Curragh (7f, £42767, good, Sept 15, 9 ran) LOCAL SUITOR, stayed on well to beat Presidium (8-11) 1½l at Newbury, NORTHERN CHIMES (8-11) 2½l away 4th (6f, £16380, good, Sept 22, 12 ran). NOBLEQUEST, (8-11) beat Northern Walker (8-8) ¾l at Evry (7f, £24752, soft, Sept 23, 7 ran). TOM BOAT (9-4) beat Hidden Heights (8-1) by 1l at Sandown (7f, £3630, good to soft, Sept 26, 15 ran). WAAFI, (8-7) impressive when beating Moujik (9-0) at York (7f, £7674, good to firm, Sept 5, 7 ran).
Selection: LOCAL SUITOR.

3.40 PHANTOM HOUSE HANDICAP (£5,774: 6f) (21)

402	003030	SPARK CHIEF (R Tikkoo) F Durr 5-9-10	G Starkey	11
403	002300	CAMISITE (CD) (Times of Wigan) W O'Gorman 6-9-8	T Ives	3
404	210130	NEPHRITE (D) (Baroness Thyssen) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-6	S Cauthen	8
405	041001	KIRCHNER (B) (D) (Mrs J Green) G Lewis 6-9-5	M L Thomas	4
406	031002	ALAKH (B) (D) (Miss M Sheriffe) J Tree 4-8-13	Pat Eddery	6
407	420103	AMARONE (D) (V Advani) R Simpson 4-8-13	S Whitworth 5	18
408	100302	LUCKY DUTCH (D) (C Buckton) M W Easterby 5-8-12	M Hindley 5	12
409	200331	AMIGO LOCO (B) (J Li) K Brassey 3-8-12 (7 ex)	R Hills	9
410	000300	ALL AGREED (T Waterman) J Winter 3-8-6	W R Swinburn	7
412	03-2113	IL TIGRE (D) (C d'Alessio) L Cumani 3-8-6	L Piggott	9
413	121000	FERRYMAN (CD) (W Plummer) D Elsworth 8-8-5	R Fox	14
414	021332	BEE'S DANCE (D) (Shaikh Mohammed) F Durr 3-8-3	B Raymond	15
415	0-21100	SCINTILLO (D) (W Merill) B Hobbs 3-8-3	G Baxter	17
416	430413	YOUNG INCA (J Boswell) L Cottrell 6-8-3	N Carlisle	5
417	434600	PENTLAND JAVELIN (CD) (S Hill) R Hollinshead 4-7-13	W Carson	20
418	011000	MORSE PIP (B) (D) (Mrs S Maxwell) C Nelson 5-7-13	M Hills	1
419	214-00	NEW DIMENSION (D) (G Leigh) G Harwood 3-7-13	W Woods 5	13
423	000000	SAXHAM BRECK (B) (CD) (Lord Jerroyn) F Durr 4-7-10	A McGlone	16
425	04-0000	ROYSIA BOY (D) (P Martin) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-7-7	J Lowe	2
426	4-00000	SHANLEYS STYLE (Mrs C Orme) Mrs C Reavey 4-7-7	–	21
430	223214	ROSANA PARK (D) (G Mills) E Eldin 3-7-7	A Mackay	10

1983: Camisite 5-9-7 T Ives (12-1) W O'Gorman 15 ran.

11-2 Alakh, 13-2 Young Inca, 8 Kirchner, Amarone, Lucky Dutch, 10 Il Tigre, 12 Camisite, Bees Dance, 14 Ferryman, 16 Pentland Javelin, 20 others.

FORM: KIRCHNER, (9-11) beat Susa Steel (8-12) by ½l in Sweden (5.5f, £15451, soft, Sept 30, 14 ran). ALAKH, (8-6) ½l, runner up to Able Albert (8-8) at Ayr with FERRYMAN, (9-5) 2¼l away 6th and LEGAL SOUND, (7-9) a further 1l away 10th SAXHAM BRECK (7-11) a close 12th and SCINTILLO (8-1) 4l-away 15th NEPHRITE (8-5), PENTLAND JAVELIN (8-5) and AMARONE (8-10) in rear (6f, £19878, soft, Sept 21, 29 ran). SCINTILLO, (8-9) had earlier beaten Stats Anna (9-7) 2½l, at Goodwood (5f, £4628, good to firm, Aug 1, 10 ran). LUCKY DUTCH, (9-3) 3l 2nd to Transflash (7-7) at York with AMARONE (9-4) ½l away 3rd, (8-1) back in 9th (6f, £7210, good to soft, Oct 13, 17 ran). IL TIGRE (8-6) 1¼l 3rd to Flodabay (7-8) at Goodwood (7f, £3208, good to soft, Oct 1, 20 ran). BEE'S DANCE, (8-6) ½l 2nd to Far Too Young (9-3) over course and distance, ROSANA PARK (7-10) 1l away 4th and ALL AGREED (9-3 2l away 5th £5548, good, Oct 3, 20 ran).
Selection: KIRCHNER

4.10 ROCKFEL STAKES (2-y-o: fillies: £11,580: 7f) (9)

502	410	LOST CAUSE (D) (E Kronfeld) I Balding 8-8	Pat Eddery	9
503	13	MILL SPARROW (T Holland-Martin) R Johnson Houghton 8-8	J Mercer	4
504	31	PROFESS (CD) (R Sangster) M Stoute 8-8	W R Swinburn	6
506	1141	ULLA LAING (A Boon) B Hills 8-8	S Cauthen	1
509	0240	CHARGE ALONG (D McIntyre) J Winter 8-5	T Ives	5
511		SILTON MOOR (R McAlpine) J Hindley 8-5	M Hills	8
512	3	KASHI LAGOON (R Tikkoo) B Hanbury 8-5	B Raymond	3
513	2	SILKO (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-5	W Carson	7
514	2	STARLITE NIGHT (BF) (A Salman) H Cecil 8-5	L Piggott	2

1983: Mahogany 8-8 J Mercer (4-1) C Nelson 13 ran.

3 Silko, 7-2 Lost Cause, 4 Starlite Night, 5 Profess, 13-2 Kashi Lagoon, 8 Ulla Laing.

FORM: LOST CAUSE (8-7) 4l 5th of 8 to Oh So Sharp (8-10) in group 3 race at Ascot (8f, £21495, good to firm, Sept 27). Previously LOST CAUSE (8-11) beat PROFESS (8-11) 2½l into 3rd over 7f at Salisbury £1802, good to firm, Sept 12, 19 ran). PROFESS (8-11) has since scored neck course and distance victory from Over the Ocean (9-0) (£4425, good to soft, Oct 5, 27 ran). ULLA LAING (8-8) had CHARGE ALONG (8-3) 4l back in 4th when at Ayr (6f, £7688, soft, Sept 22, 12 ran). CHARGE ALONG showed improved form when about 6l 6th (8-11) to Park Appeal (8-11) 6f Group 1 event here last time, had earlier been 2l 2nd (8-8) to Green Leaf (8-3) at York when MILL SPARROW (8-12) was another 3l away 3rd of 7 (6f, £3895, good to firm, Sept 5). SILKO (8-8) 2l 2nd of 18 to Dafayna (8-11) at Ascot (6f, £8662, good, Sept 29). STARLITE NIGHT (8-11) short head 2nd and KASHI LAGOON (8-11) 3l 3rd to Tundra Goose (8-11) in 6f maiden here (4911, good Oct 4, 27 ran).
Selection: LOST CAUSE.

4.45 MELBOURN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £5,446: 1m) (13)

603	113	SUFFICE (D) (K Abdulla) F Durr 9-7	W Carson	1
606	140040	ROYAL HALO (D) (Mrs D Campbell) G Harwood 9-3	G Starkey	4
608	103104	TOPHAMS TAVERS (D) (R Topham) T Fairhurst 9-1	R P Elliott	12
609	010403	TEST OF TIME (CD) (BF) (A Chapman) H Candy 8-13	Pat Eddery	3
611	410034	VERCHININA (D) (W Gredley) B Hills 8-11	R Fox	8
612	0-01200	VIEW (B) (D) (R McAulay) B Hanbury 8-8	W R Swinburn	13
613	111-000	PREOBRAJENSKA (W Gredley) R Armstrong 8-7	M L Thomas	11
614	001300	FOOT PATROL (CD) (Mrs G Fane) J Bethell 8-6	–	10
615	044100	VICEROY LAD (B) (D) (F Broom) R Hannon 8-4	A McGlone	5
618	101223	MONABELLA (D) (BF) (P Bull) M H Easterby 8-0	–	7
619	201304	KUWAIT PALACE (B) (D) (Sheik Fahad) G Huffer 8-0	N Carlisle	9
621	0-431	LYPHANESS (A Shead) B Hills 7-11 (5 ex)	R Hills	6
622	231220	GREED (D) (H Alexander) D Morley 7-0	NON RUNNER	

1983: Habitassa 3-7-6 M Hills (8-1) B Hills 12 ran.

7-2 Nonabella, 9-2 Suffice, Lyphaness, 6 Royal Halo, 8 Test Of Time, 9 Verchinina, 14 Topham's Taverns, View, 20 others.

FORM: SUFFICE (9-10) beaten under 1l into 3rd, with 4th 6l back, behind Shmareekh (9-7) over 7f here (£5361, good to soft, Oct 6, 14 ran). TOPHAMS TAVERNS (9-5), having first run since June when weakened to finish 6l 4th of 11 to Tockala at York (1m 2f 110 yds, £2847, good to soft, Oct 10). TEST OF TIME (8-12) just over 1l 3rd of 9 to Macarthurs Head (9-10) at Ascot (8f, £5444, good to firm, Sept 27). MONABELLA (8-3) not quicken final furlong when 3l 3rd of 12 to K-Battery here (1m 2f, £5524, good, Oct 4). KUWAIT PALACE (7-8) 4l 4th of 14 to Lucky North (8-7) at Doncaster (8f, £6586, good to soft, Sept 13). LYPHANESS (9-0) driven out to beat Mount Cedar (9-0) 1½l at Haydock (8f, £1849, good, Oct 6, 13 ran). GREED (7-8) one-paced 6th of 14, beaten about 4l to Mels Choice (7-8) over 7f at Ascot (7f, £10519, good, Sept 29).
Selection: GREED

CATTERICK BRIDGE

GOING: good
Draw: 5f, 6, high numbers best

2.0 CRAVEN APPRENTICE STAKES (£767: 1m 4f 40yd) (9 runners)

1	000/0-	ANNESLEY N Gaselee 5-9-0	M Lynch	7
3	0/4-00	ESTEEM D Chapman 4-9-0	C Nolan	6
6	000/0	TURI A Smith 5-9-0	B McGiff	5
13	0-331	BIDIVERA M Prescott 3-8-3	D D'Arcy 7	8
15	1234	HOME SOLUTIONS (B) (BF) R Williams 3-8-3	David Eddery	1
18	0-	HURRY DOWN H Candy 3-8-3	C Rutter	9
20	1	KUWAIT NIGHT G Huffer 3-8-3	G Carter	2
21	0020	MOSSBERRY FAIR J Etherington 3-8-3	–	4
22	0000	STATE AFFAIR M Jarvis 3-8-3	W Rimmer 7	3

1983: Pine Ridge 3-8-3 K Bradshaw (3-1) M Stoute 9 ran.

6-4 Bidivera, 9-2 Kuwait Night, 5 Home Solutions, 8 Hurry Down, 12 Esteem, Turi, 16 others

Catterick selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Kuwait Night. 2.30 Sally O'Brien. 3.0 Cottage Style. 3.30 Beach Ball. 4.0 Real Silver. 4.30 Quiet Fall.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Kuwait Knight. 2.30 Saba Saba. 3.0 Lahab. 3.30 Beach Ball. 4.00 Real Silver. 4.30 Grooved Swing.

2.30 HORNBY CASTLE SELLING STAKES (2-y-o: £1,237: 5f) (21)

1	2200	BOLDCOTT TIGER Denys Smith 8-11	–	1
3	0000	CONCERT MELODY P Burgoyne 8-11	Coogan	7
4	p00r	JOHELSI R Thompson 8-11	–	14
5	0000	JOHN FRESH (B)(D) J Berry 8-11	S Horsfall 5	3
7	0	MR TOUGHGUY W Pearce 8-11	N Connorton	18
8	0	PRINCE OF BEAUTY (B) R Stubbs 8-11	G Brown 7	15
9	200	RED DOLE BOY R Stubbs 8-11	D Nicholls	17
10	0	SCUTTLER J Berry 8-11	K Darley	4
11	0400	THURSO PRINCE C Parker 8-11	O Gray	21
14	0000	ALDORO E Weymes 8-8	S Webster	13
15	0000	ASHLEY HOPE D Leslie 8-8	M Rimmer	6
16	0	CHERRY'S CHARGE T Barron 8-8	C Dwyer	5
18	000	DAME DECOY N Bycroft 8-8	K Hodgson	19
19		EDUCATED ANNI M Naughton 8-8	–	20
20	0003	NORTHERN PARADE (B) M W Easterby 8-8	M Birch	8
24	4404	SABA SABA (BF) D Thom 8-8	G Duffield	11
25	0200	SALLY O'BRIEN P Makin 8-8	S Perks	16
26	0	SILENT LOVE J Etherington 8-8	M Wood	2
28	0200	VAIGLY WHISPER P Brookshaw 8-8	NON-RUNNER	9
29		VICTORIA MISS W Wharton 8-8	W Wharton	12
30	4000	WAYER ORTON Mrs M Nesbitt 8-8	J H Brown 5	10

1983: Div I: Showtime 8-3 W Ryan (14-1) R Whitaker 14 ran. Div II: Rio Branco 8-8 D Nicholls (33-1) R Stubbs 14 ran.

7-2 Saba Saba, 9-2 Boldcott Tiger, 5 Northern Parade, 13-2 Ashley Hope, 8 John Fresh, 10 Concert Melody, Silent Love, 16 others.

3.0 BRETTANBY HANDICAP (£1,606: 1m 5f 180yd) (18)

6	0101	COTTAGE STYLE (C) W A Stephenson 5-9-7	G Duffield	13
7	4000	LAHAB F Durr 4-9-5	A Weiss 5	3
8	0000	NOCO R Hollinshead 4-9-8	S Perks	2
9	0400	SIX O SIX AUCTION C Thornton 4-9-5	K Darley	4
10	02-04	SECRET PURSUIT M H Easterby 5-8-4	K Hodgson	7
12	4000	NORTH BRITON C Brittain 5-8-4	P Bradwell	14
13	0000	HOME IN WYOMING C Thornton 3-9-3	J Bleasdale	12
16	0020	GRANGE OF GLORY F Durr 3-9-2	M Birch	5
17	4010	JUBILANT LADY (CD) D Chapman 3-9-2	D Nicholls	6
19	2033	CHATTER D Arbuthnot 3-8-13	E Johnson	15
25	0030-	KELSEY LADY (B) M Lambert 6-8-11	D Oldham	9
28	030-0	LOVER'S CLASH J FitzGerald 3-8-11	N Connorton	16
30	3430	PEROVSKIA J FitzGerald 4-8-9	O Gray	17
31	0-400	PASS TO PARADISE S Norton 5-8-9	S P Griffiths 5	1
34	0000	BRIGADIER HAWK C Austin 5-8-5	A Clark	8
35	00-00	INDIAN CALL (B) Hbt Jones 5-8-4	R Lines 5	10
36	0000	PRIME STONE J Etherington 3-8-4	–	11
37	0000	A T S PRINCE K Stone 5-8-4	L Charnock	18

1983: Harry Hastings 4-8-11 C Dwyer (6-1) J S Wilson 15 ran

4 Cottage Style, 5 Secret Pursuit, 13-2 Jubilant Lady, 8 Perovskia, Chatter, 10 Tinoco, Six O Six Auction, Home In Wyoming, 14 North Briton, 20 others.

3.30 ILKLEY STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,624: 7f) (13)

1	0001	BEACH BALL G Pritchard-Gordon 8-13	G Duffield	2
4	10	THORNY ROSE W Musson 8-13	R Sidebottom	4
6	000	AMALINDA B Hanbury 8-8	E Johnson	7
9	0004	BOLD WAY W Bentley 8-8	–	1
10	040	BRILLEAUX B Hanbury 8-8	R Lines 5	8
14	0000	EMMAZENDA (B) J Parkes 8-8	–	12
20	00	IM IMPRESSED W Wharton 8-8	W Wharton	3
24	0000	MA GIGI (B) Hbt Jones 8-8	N Connorton	13
27	00	MORSGAIL D J Smith 8-8	A Clark	10
28	000	NORSKA (B) D Morley 8-8	S Perks	5
30	000	PATO Mrs J Reavey 8-8	P Bradwell	11
33	0000	RAVONE (B) M H Easterby 8-8	M Birch	6
34	4400	SWEET SALORA E Weymes 8-8	K Hodgson	9

1983: Soosjoy 8-8 G Duffield (5-1) M Prescott 10 ran

11-8 Thorny Rose, 5-2 Beach Ball, 9-2 Brilleaux, 7 Sweet Salora, 12 Amalinda, 16 others.

4.0 MOULTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,713: 7f) (20)

2	3310	REAL SILVER (D) B Hobbs 9-7	E Johnson	7
4	0400	JACORAN (CD) E Eldin 9-6	E Guest 5	13
5	3123	NONNITA M Prescott 9-5	G Duffield	9
8	0002	BENZ (B) M H Easterby 9-4	M Birch	8
9	1300	ETTA GIRL (D) A Hide 9-3	R Lines 5	6
10	0003	COUTURE LEG AFFAIR R Woodhouse 9-2	K Darley	14
13	2244	COTTON PRINT (B) J Etherington 8-13	–	2
15	2000	SILVER PROSPECT R Hollinshead 8-10	S Perks	1
16	1000	TAPOUSCHA (D)(B) W Haigh 8-10	N Connorton	12
19	0000	VELA ROSSA N Gaselee 8-7	A Clark	5
21	0034	BUSHY TOP (B) D Morley 8-7	D Nichols	4
23	0200	NICE ONE ANDY (B) G Huffer 8-2	M Rimmer	17
24	8000	TRIAD TREBLE (C) Hbt Jones 8-1	–	18
25	0000	MYSTIC BOY (B) E Carr 8-1	L Charnock	3
26	0000	WHY THE BUSTLE (B) B Hobbs 8-1	K Hodgson	19
28	0300	GREY CARD (B) D Plant 7-13	–	10
29	0000	APHRODISIAC R Morris 7-12	–	11
31	3134	JONESEE A Jarvis 7-12	–	15
32	0000-	RIBBLE STAR W C Watts 7-11	C Coates 5	20
36	0400	LIGHTS OF SLANE (B) W Wharton 7-10	J H Brown 5	16

1983: River Maidan 9-3 M Birch (12-1) J Dunlop 18 ran

4 Benz, 9-2 Nonnita, 5 Real Silver, 6 Silver Prospect, Cotton Print, 8 Jacoran, 10 Tapouscha, 14 Bushy Top, 16 others.

4.30 ZETLAND STAKES (£684: 1m 7f 180yd) (14)

2	0-000	BONDOE R Williams 4-9-2	David Eddery 7	13
3	004-0	MERMAID D Ringer 4-9-2	Darley	8
5	4010	CONNEX (C) D Plant 3-9-0	B Coogan	3
7	2302	GAMESMANSHIP R Allan 3-8-10	–	9
8	0	GROOVED SWING M Prescott 3-8-10	G Duffield	6
11	0044	KARUBA J FitzGerald 3-8-10	S Perks	7
12	9-04	QUIET FALL M Camacho 3-8-10	–	1
13		RUN WEST M H Easterby 3-8-10	K Hodgson	14
14	3030	ACCURACY G Balding 3-8-7	W Higgins	2
15	0-900	BARATERRE M Jarvis 3-8-7	R Lines 5	4
18	0-400	FOLKLAND D Arbuthnot 3-8-7	E Johnson	11
20	3024	JENNY WYLLIE W Wharton 3-8-7	W Wharton	10
21	4200	MAGIC QUEEN G Harwood 3-8-7	A Clark	5
22	8	SILENT MOVIE B Hanbury 3-8-7	M Birch	12

1983: Quickening Dawn 8-7 B Taylor (5-2 fav) J Hindley 16 ran

11-4 Magic Queen, 3 Quiet Fall, 8-2 Karuba, 6 Accuracy, 8 Run West, 10 Gamesmanship, 12 Silent Movie, 14 others.

Haydock results

2.0 (6f) 1, SHELLMAN (C Dwyer, 5-1); 2, Ballindalloch (M Hindley, 8-1); 3, Miss Apex (R Wernham, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt fav Caernarvon Boy (6th), Glazepta Town, 7 Master Mark (5th), 12 Absurd, 14 Master of Mischief, 20 Whoknowsthebowler (4th), April Imp, Hopeful Glen, Ivan-Jo, Smithy Bear. 13 ran. NR: Ask a Question, Sudden Light. 1½l, ¾l, 2l, ¾l, 1l. K Stone at Malton. TOTE: £8.30; £1.90, £2.60, £1.50. DF: £89.90. CSF: £45.21. 1m 21.12sec. Following a stewards inquiry, the placings remained unalteredd.

2.30 (1m 4f) 1, CLAUDIUS CROZET (G Carter, 10-1); 2, Bossanova Boy (R Cochrane, 8-1); 3, Riberetta (S Dawson, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Gourtionist (5th), 8 Flying Scotsman, Rassesma (4th), Record Wing, 10 Bounty Hawk (6th), Nebanna, 20 Music City, ABC Superstar, Earl's Court. 12 ran. NR: Marsella. 1l, 4l, 8l, 6l, 1l. G Huffer at Newmarket. TOTE: £10.50; £3.70, £1.70, £2.00. DF: £25.90. CSF: £83.88. Tricast: £743.93. 2m 42.20sec.

3.0 (1m 2f 131yd) 1, MY VOLGA BOATMAN (W R Swinburn, 5-1); 2, El Hakim (Paul Eddery, 11-8 fav), 3, Celtic Assembly (P Cook, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Nonesuch Bay (5th), 10 Farhaan, 14 Estoc (4th), 16 Reed Player (6th), 50 Miami Dolphin, Rasimareem, 66 Catch The Thatch, 100 Our Choice, Ridgeway Bay, Gallola Bosquet. 13 ran. 1½l, 6l, 2½l, 2l. M Stoute at Newmarket. TOTE: £5.90; £1.40, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £4.50. CSF: £11.90. 2m 24.05sec.

3.30 (1m 40yds) 1, SALAASH (A Shoults, jt fav); 2, Roman Beach (W R Swinburn, 6-1 jt fav); 3, Bit Of A State (M Fry, 14-1); 4, Wind From The West (S Dawson, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Captain Vigilante, Garden Route, 15-2 Smart Mart (5th), 8 Karkan, 10 Royaber, 12 Masu (5th), 14 Hometown, 16 Try To Stop Me, 20 Bakers Double, Son Of Raja, 25 Misha, 50 Denmore, Bamdoro. 17 ran. Sh hd, nk, nk, 1½l, dd ht. J Hindley at Newmarket. TOTE: £5.70; £1.60, £1.90, £5.90, £1.20 DF: £42.00. CSF: £44.82. Tricast: £471.82. 1m 52.28sec.

4.0 (7f 40yds) 1, MUCH TOO RISKY (W R Swinburn, 4-5 fav); 2, Valeon La Romaine (Paul Eddery, 5-2); 3, Silent Gain (G Dickie, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Al Nuwaibi (4th), 12 High Tern (6th), 50 Little Dimple, 100 Arctic Girl, Blue Mist, The Huyton Flyer (5th). 9 ran. 2½l, hd, 5l, 2l, 1½l. M Stoute at Newmarket. TOTE: £1.80; £1.20, £1.10, £4.70. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.19. 1m 40.05sec.

4.30 (6f) 1, RUN EASY (G Duffield, 9-4 fav); 2, Hideedeeboo (S Dawson, 16-1); 3, The Crying Game (W R Swinburn, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Vintage Lady, 9-2 Bold Deceiver (5th), 5 Pasadena Express (4th), 7 Vaigly Whisper (6th), 12 Romagas Day, 14 Northern Review, 16 Shop Talk, 20 Hamitonius, Little Tebbe, Never Sober, The Mighty Ben. 14 ran. 1½l, sh hd, 2l, 2½l, hd. G Pritchard-Gordon at Newmarket. TOTE: £2.80; £1.70, £11.90, £3.20. DF: £59.90. CSF: £41.14. Winner bought in for 2,600 guineas. 1m 21.46sec.

5.00 (5f). 1, Rosie Dickins (W Ryan, 10-1); 2, Marching Moor (W R Swinburn, 4-1); 3, Mange May Sing (G Carter, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Boarding House (5th), 5 Swinging Gold (4th), 8 Longstop (6th), 16 Debris. 7 ran. ½l, hd, 1½l ½l, ½l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. TOTE: £12.00; £3.30, £2.40. DF: £16.50. CSF: £46.11. 1m 06.16sec. TOTE DOUBLE: £4.55. Treble: £70.00. Placepot: £52.50.

Newmarket results

Going: good

2.0 Buckenham Selling Stakes (2-y-o: £2,810: 6f)

NEW CENTRAL b/f by Remainder Man-Bounding- (Mrs P Brown) 8-8 B Raymond (13-2) 1
Four For Uncle b c by Uncle Pokey-Lake Superior- (J Ruddy) 8-11 G Starkey (8-1) 2
Rebrob b g by Mansingh-Hot Money (Mrs R Baker) 8-11 T Rogers (33-1) 3

Also Ran: 4 jt favs Specially Vague (6th), Sweet Destiny, 7 Fire Hazard, 8 Cedarwings, 12 Liffey Rose (4th), Secret Valentine, Semperflorens, 14 El-Har-Le-Har (5th), Sun Up, 33 Cartoon, Par Sevvy, Crimson Princess, Jetina, Karletta. 17 Ran. NR: Salo. 2½l, 1½l, 1½l, ½l, sh hd. M Thompsons at Newmarket.

TOTE: Win: £8.30. Places: £1.90, £2.00, £12.10. DF: £12.30. CSF: £58.95. 1m 14.30 sec

2.35 Park Paddocks Handicap (3-y-o: £5,064: 1m 6f)

JERRY CAN br/g by Roberto-Bold Flourish- (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-4 A Murray (9-11) 1
Vital Boy ch g by Vitiges-Bright Decision- (I Thorday) 8-2 S Whitworth (8-1) 2
Bespoke ch g by Relkino-Hors Serie- (Mrs W Hern) 9-7 W Carson (7-2 Fav) 3

Also Ran: 5 Fandango Light, 10 Altan (5th), Manlusha, 11 Silent Dancer, 12 Pacificus, 20 My Charade, 25 Crown Eagle, Kolomelskoy Palace, Blakesware Gift.

12 Ran. Nr: Gamblers Cup. Nk, 2½l nk, ¾l, ¾ H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. TOTE: Win: £5.40. Places: £1.80, £1.90, £1.50. DF: £18.20. CSF: £66.94. Tricast: £257.36. 2m 57.50 sec. Vital Boy came in first but following a stewards inquiry and an objection was placed second...

3.05 FEN DITTON NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £5,244: 6f)

SUDDEN IMPACT b c by Be Friendly – False Evidence (R Chiarella) 7-8 M L Thomas (8-1) 1
Carribean Song ch c by Music Boy – Aruba (Capt M Lemos) 8-4 P Robinson (10-1) 2
Jeanne Avril ch f by Music Boy – Green Chartreuse (M Browne) 8-3 G Baxter (10-1) 3

Also Ran: 5-2 Dan Thatch, 10 Boot Polish, Kisseritsky (6th), 12 Binsy Girl, Postorage, 20 Gwiffina (4th), Hobournes Rose, Siba (5th, 25 Deschamps Express, 33 Qualitairess.

14 ran. 2l, nk, ¾l, hd, 4l. G Lewis at Epsom.

TOTE: Win: £8.40. Places: £2.10, £2.00, £3.50. DF: £45.90. CSF: £79.29 Tricast: £743.32. 1m 13.27sec.

3.40 BISQUIT COGNAC CHALLENGE STAKES (Group III: £19,680: 7f)

BROCADE b f by Habitat – Canton Silk (G Leigh) 3-8-13 G Starkey (5-4 fav) 1
Prego ch c by Be My Guest – Audrey Joan (R Sangster) 4-9-6 Pat Eddery (3-1) 2
Forzando b c by Formidable – Princely Maid (T Warner) 3-9-2 B Raymond (11-2) 3

Also Ran: 11-2 Rocket Alert, 20 Mystery Ship (4th), 50 Executive Man (5th), 100 El Gitano (6th). 7 ran. 3l, ¾l, 4l, nk, nk. G Harwood at Pulborough. TOTE: Win: £2.20. Places: £1.20, £1.50. DF: £2.80. CSF: £4.87. 1m 26.18sec.

4.10 FORDHAM HANDICAP (£4,978: 7f)

KAYUS b c by Junius– Kind Thoughts (K Al-Said) 3-7-4 T Williams (13-2) 1
Milk Heart c h by Steel Heart– Cafe au Lait (Elisha Hodings) 5-9-0 S Cauthen (9-1) 2
Aconitum b c by Fair Season– The Yellow Girl (Dr M Boffa) 3-8-6 R Guest (16-1) 3

Also Ran: 8 Gamblers Dream (6th) 7 Attempt, Schuss, 10 Vorvados, 12 Doc Marten (4th), Minmax, Quick Work, Steeple Bell, 14 Grey Desire (5th), 20 Worlingworth, 25 Third Movement.

14 ran. 2l, 1l, 4l, sh hd. hd. J Hindley at Newmarket.

TOTE: Win: £8.30. Places: £2.00, £3.20, £9.10. DF: £87.10. CSF: £59.69 Tricast: £826.94.

4.45 CHESTERTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £4,898: 1m)

OVER THE OCEAN b c by Super Concorde– Lost Virtue (M Fustok) 9-0 A Lequeux (7-2 jt fav) 1
Mango Express b c by Free State– Polyandrist (K Andersen) 9-0 A McGlone (10-1) 2
Fire of Life b c by Nijinsky– Spark of Life (P Mellon) 9-0 A Murray (33-1) 3

Also Ran: 7-2 jt fav Slip Anchor (4th), 11-2 Dayl, 9 Leinster Lad, 10 Golden Promise (6th), 12 Velos, 14 Emir Sultan, 20 Bourbon Boy, High Plains, 25 Full Choke, 33 Auspicious Star, Demyring, Ela-Re-Koumpara, Follow The Bank (5th) Kuwait Mutar, Wave Crest, Cackle, Camarina, Fountain Coffee Winfarthing, Martian Baby. 24 ran. ¾l, 5l, 2½l, hd, 2½l. O Douieb at Newmarket.

TOTE: Win: £4.40. Places: £1.60, £4.90, £6.10. DF: £22.40. CSF: £38.96. 1m 38.65sec.

5.10 NEWMARKET CHALLENGE CUP (2-y-o 7f)

LINE OF FIRE ch c by Kris-Singa– (J Hambro) 9-0 G Baxter (2-5 fav) 1
Alassif b c by Honest Pleasure-Wao- (H Al-Maktoum) 9-0 A Murray (5-1) 2
Ritual Music ch f by Gregorian-Danilova- (R Sangster) 8-11 S Cauthen (9-2) 3

1½l, 1l. B Hobbs at Newmarket.

TOTE: Win: £1.20. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.38. 1m 31.12sec.

TOTE DOUBLE: £64.50. TREBLE: £18.95. PLACEPOT: £29.45. JACKPOT: £19,067.85.

Wincanton

Going: Firm

2.00 (2m ch) 1, Pannanaalig (N Coleman, 25-1); 2, The Surveyor (7-2 jt fav); 3, Richard G (7-2 jt fav). Harry Slippers (7-2 jt fav). 5l, 12l. 7 ran. N Mitchell. TOTE: £32.60; £4.60, £1.80. DF: £63.70. CSF: £96.63.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, Try To Remember (N Coleman, 7-4 fav); 2, Rhinestone Cowboy (13-2); 3, Kamag (12-1). 12l, 3l, 9 ran. R Holder. TOTE: £3.00; £1.30, £2.00, £3.30. DF: £7.90. CSF: £12.61.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, Welsh Oak (R Earnshaw, 9-4 fav); 2, Eagle Tavern 9-2; 3, Air Space 9-2. 4l, hd. 10 ran. D Gandolfo. TOTE: £3.20; £1.60, £1.50, £2.50 DF: £7.10. CSF: £11.60.

3.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, EASTER CARNIVAL (B Powell, 2-5 fav); 2, Jimmy Miff (9-4); 3, Sabi (25-1). 10l, dist. 3 ran. NR: Cobley Express. K Bishop. Tote: £1.40; DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.52.

4.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, CLONCORMICK (Mr M Bradstock, 8-11 fav); 2, Carrigeen Hill (4-1); 3, Double Step (9-2). 1l, 30l. 4 ran. F. Walwyn. Tote: £1.40; DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.62.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1, MARINERS DREAM (P Scudamore, 2-1); 2, Trafflianzi (6-4 fav); 3 Panto Prince (8-1). 8l, 4l. 11 ran. R Hollinshead. Tote: £2.90; £1.50, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £3.50 CSF: £5.28. PLACEPOT: £10 55.

Perth

Going: Good to soft

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Kindred (Jayne Thompson, evens fav); 2, Nectar Blanc (7-4); 3, Chantano (20-1). 5 ran. Only three finished. 20l, dist. R Thompson. Tote: £1.80; £1.80, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £1.30. CSF: £3.06.

2.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Poyntz Pass (M Meagher, 2-1); 2, Stand Back (9-4); 3, Meggies Dene (10-1). Percipient (7-4 fav). 20l, 25l. 4 ran. R F Fisher. TOTE: £3.10; DF: £7.30. CSF: £6.31.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, Music Be Magic (N Doughty, 2-5 fav); 2, Calira (9-2); 3, Rebel Pearl (8-1). 5l, 30l. 6 ran. NR: Our Louise. G Richards. TOTE: £1.40; £1.10, £1.10. DF: £2.20. CSF: £2.80.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1, Mark Edelson (M Hill, 7-2); 2, Summerland (8-1); 3, Shaw Brow (15-2). Mr Marshall (2-1 fav) 3l, 7. 6 ran. J Jefferson. TOTE: £4.60; £1 90, £6.30. DF: £50. CSF: £25.49.

4.15 (3m ch) was abandoned due to high winds.

4.45 (3m hdle) 1, Ramos's Son (Miss T Waggott, 9-2); 2, Miss Colonnette (20-1); 3, Cri de Grace (8-1). (8 ran). King's Classic (2-1 fav) 7l, dist. 8 ran. N Waggott. TOTE: £5.40; £1.80, £1 90, £2.20. DF: £75.80. CSF: £71.75. Placepot: £27.75.

● Ladbrokes have cut Free Guest from 3-1 to 5-2 for tomorrow's Champion Stakes. Other prices: 6-1 Cariellor, Raft, 7-1 Hatim, 8-1 bar.

LINGFIELD PARK

GOING: good to soft.
Draw advantage: up to 1m high numbers best.
Tote: double 2.45, 3.45. Treble 2.15, 3.15, 4.15.

1.45 SAMPSON–HANBURY HANDICAP (£2,764: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

1	0301	MILL PLANTATION (B) (D) G Wragg 5-9-12	J Oghara	3
3	0110	WIDD D Mills 7-9-7	G Landau 7	8
6	1220	ALCMENE (D) C Brittain 3-8-4	P Robinson	2
7	1030-	WALJAT D Grissell 4-8-4	B Crossley	13
11	1200	GLENHAWK (CD) M Ryan 8-9-1	A Bond	12
13	0002	SAILING HIGH J Bethell 3-8-12	–	14
14	3340	ORYX MINOR S Mellor 4-8-12	M Wigham	7
15	000-0	SON OF A GUNNER S Mellor 4-8-10	N Howe	9
16	1400	NASHAAB (D) C Benstead 4-8-8	B Rouse	15
21	4004	JUST AUTUMN (D) A Jarvis 3-8-7	M Fry	10
23	-0000	SOUTHERN DYNASTY P Mitchell 3-8-6	R McGhin	5
24	0000	FAIRY BLUEBIRD R Armstrong 3-8-5	G Sexton	4
25	0000	MERRY TOM A Bailey 4-8-5	P Bloomfield 5	6
26	0/400-	KEEP IT DARK M Usher 4-8-3	Paul Eddery	1
27	1200	MINUS MAN W Holden 8-8-3	R Morse 7	11

1983: Record Wing 5-7-9 R Hills (11-1) D H Jones 15 ran.

3 Sailing High, 4 Alcmene, 5 Mill Plantation, 6 Widd, 13-2 Just Autumn, Glenhawk, 10 Oryx Minor, 12 others.

Lingfield selections

By Mandarin.
1.45 Alcmene. 2.15 Jamesmead. 2.45 Respite. 3.15 Fairstead Boy. 3.45 Pheon. 4.15 Finian's Rainbow.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Glenhawk. 2.15 Sandyla. 2.45 Nazeeh. 3.15 Yuli. 3.45 Theon. 4.15 Giada.

2.15 FOSTER STAKES (3-y-o c & g: £1,839: 1m 4f) (13)

1	0000	ALSUFUUH C Benstead 8-11	G Sexton	8
2	3000	BASKET WEAVE A Jarvis 8-11	M Fry	2
3	2000	BATTLE DRUM H Candy 8-11	J Matthias	7
5		CARMEL STATE M Prescott 8-11	R Cochrane	6
7	0002	COLLISTO K Brassey 8-11	N Adams 5	13
8	0000	DALLAS SMITH R Akehurst 8-11	R Curant	12
9	0320	DOWNTOWN HUSTLER D Ringer 8-11	P D'Arcy	9
15	0023	JAMESMEAD D Elsworth 8-11	B Rouse	1
18	0042	OPENING BARS D Oughton 8-11	P Cook	10
19	0030	POLYNOR M Ryan 8-11	P Robinson	4
20	3d24	SANDYLA (B) D Dale 8-11	A Bond	11
22	00-0	TRACY'S J Old 8-11	–	3
23		WILD TALES M Usher 8-11	M Wigham	5

1983: No corresponding race.

5-2 Jamesmead, 4 Opening Bars, 5 Collisto, 6 Downtown Hustler, 8 Sandyla, 12 Battle Drum, Basket Weave, Polynor, 16 others.

2.45 TRUMAN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,435: 7f 140yd) (21)

1	13-00	RULE OF THE SEA G Lewis 9-7	G Sexton	5
6	0000	CANIF (C) M Ryan 8-12	A Bond	8
7	20-00	COURT AND SPARK H Candy 8-12	J Matthias	16
10	1294	NAZEEH (BF) A Stewart 8-8	B Rouse	15
13	1040	RESPITE B Hobbs 8-2	Paul Eddery	6
15	1240	MAYSARA (B) (BF) G Harwood 8-1	R Cochrane	11
19	0000	NATIVE HERO (B) P Mitchell 7-13	P Bloomfield 3	13
22	0000	SEIGNEUR (B) G Wragg 7-12	B Crossley	1
25	0012	MIZPAH (BF) A Jarvis 7-10	M Fry	3
27	0400-	ATITHASSOS M Francis 7-8	N Howe	14
28	0013	FLODABAY (B) (BF) R Armstrong 7-8	P Robinson	10
29	4400	TOM FORRESTER (CD) A Pitt 7-7	G Dickie 5	12
32	0000	BLACK SPOUT C Brittain 7-7	D McKay	17
36	2200	FIGHTING JIMMY (BF) D Wilson 7-7	S Dawson 5	19
43	0311	LAFROWDA R Hoad 7-7	R Street	20
44	0201	MANGO MAN (B) (D) Pat Mitchell 7-7 (5 ex)	I Jenkinson	9
45	0000	REMAINDER GIRL M Tompkins 7-7	N Adams 5	4
47	0004	ACCLAMATION C Williams 7-7	–	2
48	0000	WHEN I DREAM G Balding 7-7	–	18
51	-0000	MISS HAMILTON Pat Mitchell 7-7	R Morse 7	7

1983: Spanish Bold 8-9 P Robinson (8-1) M Ryan 23 ran.

4 Flodabay, 5 Mizpah, 11-2 Nazeeh, 6 Maysara, 7 Mango Man, 8 Lafrowda, 10 Respite, Canif, 14 others.

3.15 BEN TRUMAN SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,033: 6f) (24)

3	0100	MATCHSTICK MAN (B) H Beasley 9-7	N Adams 5	10
6	4100	TANTIVY ROSE (CD) P Cole 9-3	B Rouse	16
7	3420	BEEB D Dale 9-2	A Bond	13
8	0000	NAJI (B) P Butler 9-2	–	5
10	0000	LOWE (B) J Douglas-Home 9-2	I Johnson	22
13	0000	THIRTY ACRE G Lewis 9-1	G Sexton	15
15	0001	LEAN STREAK (B) (D) R Simpson 9-1 (7 ex)	K Radcliffe 7	23
16	3000	HANNAH'S BIRTHDAY C Wildman 9-0	–	2
17	3000	FAIRSTEAD BOY (B) E Eldin 8-13	B Crossley	6
18	0000	MELVA R Hannon 8-13	P Cook	24
19	0000	MOLLY'S BOY J Holt 8-12	J Matthias	17
20	0000	EASTER RAMBLER H Beasley 8-12	D McKay	11
21	0000	AL'S NAP T M Jones 8-11	P Robinson	7
22	0003	AMIGA BORRACHA (BF) K Brassey 8-11	Paul Eddery	19
23	000	KIKI STAR M Usher 8-11	M Wigham	1
24	0000	VANISHING BOY Pat Mitchell 8-11	T Rogers	20
25	0000	MISTY MOVER (B) B Stevens 8-11	R Street 12	28
	0400	CHARLIE BURTON (B) Mrs C Reavey 8-10	B Kaid 7	21
30	0000	BLAIR'S WINNIE Pat Mitchell 8-8	P Bradwell	8
31	0220	YULI G Blum 8-8	R Cochrane	6
32	2240	MANOR FARM TRIO M Tompkins 8-8	R Curant	18
33	2423	BOOTLE JACK R Howe 8-8	L Johnsey 7	3
37	4430	TOO STREAKY D Laing 8-8	S Dawson 5	4
38	0000	JUST BLAIR Pat Mitchell 8-8	N Howe	14

1983: Sally Chase 9-2 T Jarvis (9-4 fav) A Jarvis 6 ran.

7-2 Lean Streak, 9-2 Yuli, 6 Fairstead Boy, 13-2 Tantivy Rose, 7 Amiga Borracha, 8 Bootle Jack, 10 Manor Farm Trio, 12 Matchstick Man, Too Streaky, 16 others.

3.45 TRUMAN SPECIAL BITTER STAKES (2-y-o: £1m742: 6f) (12)

4	001	GREAT NORTHERN (D) J Dunlop 9-2	B Rouse	5
5	421	PHEON G Huffer 9-2	R Curant	4
8		ARNOUX C Horgan 8-11	T Rogers	3
17	000	SAHARA STRAW C Benstead 8-11	R Cochrane	12
18	00	SHOW LOW (B) F Durr 8-11	Paul Eddery	9
19	0	TOUCH THE WIND C Horgan 8-11	I Salmon 7	6
21		BAL ETOILE M Haynes 8-8	I Jenkinson	2
23	0	BOLD APPLE J Dunlop 8-8	P Cook	8
25	00	FROSTY MOON W Holden 8-8	R Morse 7	7
27		KALA NASHAN P Mitchell 8-8	B Crossley	1
28		LADYSAVE D Oughton 8-8	N Howe	10
29		LILLEMOR J Dunlop 8-8	P Robinson	11

1983: Preobrajenska 8-13 P Robinson (5-1) R Armstrong 24 ran.

10-11 Great Northern, 7-2 Pheon, 6 Show Low, 8 Lillemor, 12 Touch The Wind, 16 Bold Apple, 20 others.

4.15 TRUMAN BITTER STAKES (£2,320: 7f 140yd) (14)

2	0000	NORTHERN TALK J Old 4-8-10	R Cochrane	11
3	1000	SEVEN CLUBS D Jermy 4-8-10	J Kennedy 7	13
4	0104	TIP THE BALANCE M Usher 4-8-10	M Wigham	3
5	-3430	FINIAN'S RAINBOW (BF) (B) I Balding 3-8-8	B Rouse	2
7	4000-	ACORAS PREDICTION W R Williams 4-8-7	P Bloomfield 3	7
8	1012	GIADA (BF) L Cumani 4-8-7	J Blake 7	12
10	0201	NOBODYS PERFECT D Marks 3-8-6	–	14
11	00	ABBEY STADIUM (B) D Jermy 3-8-5	G Dickie 5	5
13	4010	GAUHAR (C) M Blanshard 3-8-5	N Adams 5	1
14	3004	JOHN PATRICK P Mitchell 3-8-5	B Crossley	8
16	4002	MOUNT CEDAR M Jarvis 3-8-5	J Matthias	9
20	0000	KILLYCURRA M Ryan 3-8-2	P Robinson	4
22	00	SUE HELEN A Moore 3-8-2	T Rogers	6
23	0-0	SURELY M Smyly 3-8-2	P Cook	10

1983: No corresponding race.

4-7 Finian's Rainbow, 4 Giada, 7 John Patrick, 10 Seven Clubs, 14 Mount Cedar, 16 others.

MARKET RASEN

GOING: good to firm

2.0 LUDFORD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£573: 2m) (16 runners)

1	2/0d0	PRIVATE CRAFT A Balding 7-12-6	P Tuck
2	00/00-	MAYERLING LODGE (D) B Bethell 8-12-2	P A Charlton
3	0p/p0	APRIL'S HERO B Preece 10-11-10	R Strange
4	p000-	MAYHEM (D) J Dooler 11-11-10	B de Haan
6	f231	GUN (B) (D) D Yeoman 7-11-5	C Hawkins
8	10-pp	DOM PERIGNON M Gibson 9-11-1	A Webb
9	0000/	ALIDES M Gibson 10-11-0	Mr G Ros
11	044-4	GOLDEN HOLLY (BF) Mrs G Reveley 6-10-8	A Lang 7
12	3-030	ARNAB L Wordingham 4-10-6	J Barlow
14	043-0	GRANGEHILL Miss G Rees 9-10-5	R Earnshaw
17	3-200	LITTLE TYRANT (B) (CD) B Richmond 7-10-3	S Keightley
20	30-00	WILL PEGGITY J Townson 6-10-1	Sharron James 7
21	0/p0-p	MAIDIGA M Barraclough 5-10-0	S McNeill
22	p00-0	MALSEEDY Mrs E Adair 6-10-0	–
23	00-30	WARREN GORSE (CD) S Avery 10-10-0	C McMastrick 4
24	0/u00	ROYAL GRANT Mrs K Coulman 5-10-0	D A Wills 7

1983: Florence 7-9-9 F Byrne (20-1) K Wingrove 22 ran.

11-4 Gun, 100-30 Little Tyrant, 9-2 Golden Holly, 6 Arnab, 8 Grangehill, 10 Mayhem, 12 Warren Gorse, 14 others.

Market Rasen selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Arnab. 2.30 Strathearn. 3.0 Direct Line. 3.30 Caldwell Case. 4.0 Helshaw Grange. 4.30 Rejuvenator.

2.30 LANGWORTH JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (3-y-o: £1,569: 2m) (18)

1	1110	SHARP AND READY (CD) A Ingham 11-10	R Arnott 7
2	2011	SECRET WALK (D) W A Stephenson 11-2	R Lamb
6		GAINVILLE LAD R Whitaker 10-10	C Pimlott
7		HOTKOLE H Fleeming 10-10	M Pepper
9	2	JOANN'S LAD A Jarvis 10-10	–
13		STRATHEARN J FitzGerald 10-10	R O'Leary
15	1	MISS FELHAM (CD) M Hinchliffe 10-8	P Scudamore
22	2	INVETERATE Denys Smith 10-6	C Grant
24		MY RIKI Mrs G Reveley 10-6	Mr M Sowersby 7
28		STONEY BOAT INN R Hollinshead 10-6	D Carcary 7
29		SURPRISE ATTACK E Eldin 10-6	A Coogan
30	22	TAVARGOS C Spares 10-6	J Barlow
33		BANNA'S RETREAT (B) D Yeoman 10-5	C Hawkins
38		HELEN'S CHOICE A Smith 10-1	–
39		HUMBER MYSTERY K Morgan 10-1	W Hayes 7
40		KATY QUICK W Wharton 10-1	M Brennan
44		TALLY TOO J Harris 10-1	J A Harris
45		THEDA R Perkins 10-1	Dai Williams

1983: Asia Minor 11-3 S Smith Eccles (Evens fav) G Pritchard-Gordon 18 ran.

7-2 Secret Walk, 4 Strathearn, 5 Sharp And Ready, 6 Tavargos, 7 Inveterate, 8 Miss Felham, Joann's Lad, 10 Hotkole, 12 Stoney Boat Inn,

3.0 LEGSBY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,061: 2m 5f) (7)

1	2142-	DIRECT LINE J FitzGerald 10-11-10	R O'Leary
7	010p	MARSHAL NIGHT (C) R Woodhouse 9-10-0	D Browne
8	84-13	VICTORY PRIZE Denys Smith 6-10-0	C Grant
9	1-023	FAIR BABU S Burt 10-10-0	Mr L Kirkby
11	1p00-	LAW VENTURE (CD) Mrs P Sly 10-10-0	M Bastard
12	004-4	BOOK OF KELLS (CD) J Blundell 9-10-0	D Dutton
13	303-4	NINTH ADDITION (B) (CD) P Felgate 9-10-0	P Scudamore

1983: The Mighty Mac 8-12-1 Mr D Browne (8-11 fav) M W Dickinson 6 ran.

11-10 Direct Line, 7-2 Victory Prize, 5 Fair Babu, 8 Book Of Kells, 12 Ninth Addition, 16 Marshal Night, 20 others.

3.30 JACK WHITE AMATEUR RIDERS' NOVICE CHASE (£1,638: 3m) (12)

2	00-20	BANK LAW F Richards 8-11-9	P Picton-Warlow 7
3	p-0	BEDWELL SOVEREIGN J Wales 10-11-9	I Wales 7
4	0fp-f	BILLYJOHN J Townson 7-11-9	–
5	032-0	CALDWELL CASE R Swiers 9-11-9	–
6	2pu/0-	DONOGUE J Scallan 12-11-9	D Thompson 7
7	p/fp-	HAMBLETON LORD R Tate 7-11-9	R Tate 7
8		HARVEY MOON N Gaselee 6-11-9	T Thomson Jones
9	300/0	HAYSAVER S Harris 12-11-9	G Harvey 7
12	0u/p4	LOVELY QUEST P Bowlby 6-11-9	A Bowlby 7
14	4-03f	RASTASEMEFAICH S Burt 6-11-9	L Kirby 4
15	f	SPANISH MANUEL Mrs E Barber 9-11-9	T Moore 7
17	4p12-	SOUND OF LAUGHTER J Blundell 6-11-4	A Fowler

1983: Isaac 8-11-5 Mr D Williams (9-1) R Perkins 14 ran.

9-4 Harvey Moon, 3 Sound Of Laughter, 4 Caldwell Close, 6 Bank Law, 8 Lovely Quest, 10 Rastasemefaich, 12 Hambleton Lord, 14 others.

4.0 LINWOOD NOVICE HURDLE (£792: 3m) (9)

1	40u-1	HELSHAW GRANGE J Blundell 5-11-9	D Dutton
5	0-0f0	DEMON KING J Thorpe 5-11-2	Julia Vergette 7
6	0230-	MIDSUMMER BOY W Wharton 7-11-2	M Brennan
8	00-	MUST FLY W A Stephenson 6-11-2	R Lamb
10		RISING FOREST J FitzGerald 5-11-2	R O'Leary
11	f5f	SLIP O'GRACE G King 7-11-2	S McNeill
14	ff-40	ROYAL DON (C) J Leigh 9-10-11	P Blackburn 7
16		TENDER AFFAIR R Redgrave 8-10-11	A Webber
17	20-22	RIGTON SALLY H Wharton 4-10-9	S Youlden 7

1983: Amberwell 7-11-3 T Wall (20-1) P Bevan 21 ran.

3 Helshaw Grange, 7-2 Rigton Sally, 4 Must Fly, 5 Rising Forest, 8 Royal Don, 10 *Midsummer* Boy, 12 others.

4.30 LISSINGTON NOVICE CHASE (£1,045: 2m) (4)

6		CASTLES-IN-THE-AIR R Lyles 6-11-9	Mr D Lyles
9	p3pp-	GRANGE MINSTREL R Spicer 7-11-9	S Johnson
10	00/00-	REJUVENATOR (C) G Richards 8-11-9	–
15	30-rf	JUKEBOX KATIE A Watson 5-11-1	–

1983: Kevinsfort 5-11-6 R O'Leary (7-2) J FitzGerald 11 ran.

Evens Rejuvenator, 3 Jukebox Katie, 4 Grange Minstrel, 5 Castles-In-The-Air.

Course specialists

NEWMARKET

TRAINERS: H Cecil 98 winners from 365 runners, 26.8%; M Stoute 56 from 376, 14.9%; W Hern 28 from 214, 13.1%.
JOCKEYS: L Piggott 126 winners from 581 rides, 21.5%; J Mercer 62 from 439, 14.1%; N Carson 55 from 439, 12.5%

CATTERICK

TRAINERS: M Prescott 21 winners from 67 runners, 31.3%; M H Easterby 11 from 84, 13.1%; E Weymes 9 from 95, 9.5%.
JOCKEYS: G Duffield 47 winners from 244 rides 19.3%; S Perks 13 from 103, 12.6%; M Birch 20 from 200, 10.0%.

LINGFIELD

TRAINERS: G Harwood 41 winners from 150 runners, 27.3%, P Cole 28 from 18, 21.5%; J Dunlop 42 from 263, 16.0%.
JOCKEYS: P Cook 23 winners from 154 from 14.9%, B Rouse 40 from 357, 11.2%.

SCRATCHINGS: Rade Mill, Noble Perry, Rotnwval, Gay Harald, Normandy Lad, Usnaach Hill, Captain Caper, Raakan.

Irish filly chases $1m

Park Appeal, the unbeaten Irish-trained winner of the Cheveley Park Stakes, will be sent to America to contest the Breeders Cup Juvenile Fillies race at Hollywood Park on November 10. The race carries added prize money of $1m and is over one mile and 110 yards on dirt. Park Appeal, who is trained by Jim Bolger, was made favourite for next year's 1,000 Guineas after her Cheveley Park success.

● Patrick Biancome could be excused for suffering jetlag when he arrives in Newmarket today to watch Palace Music run in tomorrow's Champion Stakes. The 22-year-old Chantilly trainer has flown more than 15,000 miles this week, crossing the Atlantic four times.

MOTOR RACING: LAUDA AND PROST DECIDE TITLE AT ESTORIL

World of two men in the balance

By John Blunsden

The organizers of the Portuguese Grand Prix could not have wished for for a more attractive scenario for their reappearance on the Formula One scene after an absence of 24 years.

Not only will the race at Estoril on Sunday decide the destiny of the world championship – this is the fourth year running that the drivers' title has depended on the outcome of the season's final race – but not since 1967 has the issue been decided in this way between two drivers of the same team. Seventeen years ago in happened in Mexico City, where Denny Hulme finished third behind Jack Brabham – both were in Brabham-Repcos – to secure the championship for the first and only time (Brabham had already won it three times).

This Sunday Alain Prost will be out to secure his first title while his Marlboro-McLaren partner, Niki Lauder, his third. Between them they have won 11 of this year's grands prix in a formidable demonstration of driving skill, mechanical excellence and impressive reliability, leaving their rivals trailing far behind them in the points table.

With an almost military neatness they have taken turns all season to win races, which leaves Prost ahead by six victories to five but Lauda leading on points by 66 to 62 and a half as a result of better subsidiary placings. This means that if Prost is to be the first Frenchman to be declared champion, he must finish first, second or third in Portugal, with Lauda finishing no higher than third, fifth or seventh, respectively.

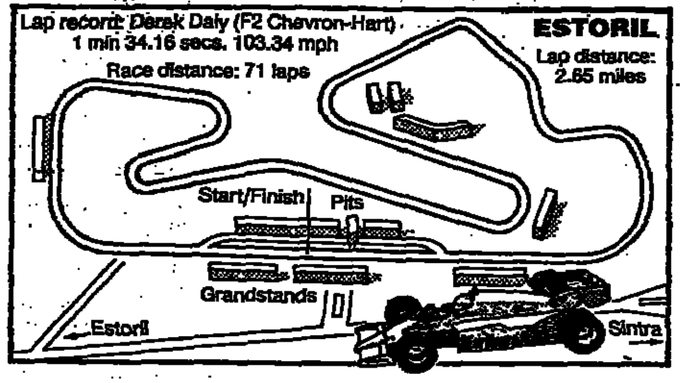
Lauda's task may be a little easier in so far as he can afford to sit behind Prost, rather than race him, but in order to do this he needs to be closer to the front of the grid than has been his habit of late (one has come to expect Prost to be at or close to the front). If Prost gets away well and Lauda has to find his way past, for example, two Renaults, two Lotuses and at least one Brabham, the Austrian will have to earn his title the hard way.

With the issue so delicately balanced, it is, perhaps, appropriate that it should be fought on new and unfamiliar ground. The Estoril circuit is being used for the first time for Formula One and it has required some intensive refurbishment to bring it up to standard, although it retains virtually the same profile as when Derek Daly set a lap record of 1min 34.16sec (103.34 mph) in 1977 with a Formula 2 Chevron-Hart.

Set on high ground near the seaside resort west of Lisbon, it has its full share of slow corners and it is to be hoped that this will not cause the sort of race-long traffic queues we used to see in Spain, at Jarama, which in some respects the Estoril track resembles.

There have been only three previous Portuguese Grands prix. The first, in 1958, was won by Stirling Moss, driving a Vanwall on a street circuit on Oporto. Moss won again the next year in a Cooper-Climax, when the race took place on the Monsanto road course outside Lisbon, and Brabham, driving a Cooper-Climax, won the 1960 race, which returned to the streets of Oporto. That year Brabham went on to take his second world title.

After two days of successful tests on the Paul Ricard circuit in France, Philippe Streiff has been confirmed as the driver of a third Renault, to run alongside the cars of Derek Warwick and Patrick Tambay in Estroil this weekend.



TENNIS

Viewers benefit from TV clash

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

The baronial intrigue that enlivens the court of world tennis has had gratifying if strange consequences for British spectators and television viewers. Two professional tournaments will be played simultaneously in January and both will be televised, thanks to the competition between two groups of entrepreneurs.

The thirteenth edition of the popular men's doubles tournament promoted by World Championship Tennis (Lamar Hunt's Dallas-based organization) will be played at the Albert Hall from January 1 to 6. Teams already committed are John Fitzgerald and Paul McNamee, Pavel Slozil and Tomas Smid, and Fritz Buehning and Peter Fleming.

Mark McCormack's International Management Group, however, will promote a tourament for men under the age of 21, to be played at the National Exhibition Centre Birmingham from January 2 to 6. The BBC have dropped coverage of the doubles in order to televise this new event.

Yesterday WCT countered an announcement as surprising as rain in the Lake District. They have signed a contract with Channel 4 to televise the Albert Hall doubles for the next three years. During the same period, Channel 4 will have exclusive British television nights to the annual WCT singles tournament in Dallas. At least seven hours of each event will be televised on Channel 4.

IMG tend to be uneasy, even defensive, when asked why they moved in the WCT dates – a decision making ti improbable that either event would receive the public attention that might have been expected had a clash been avoided. But WCT themselves have not always been blameless in this respect. The observances of polite society do not always apply to the business of making money from sports promotion.

IMG say the clash will not happen again, that this was the only week when they could put the right package together, and that any case, they differ from WCT in the location, the age group, and the format they are exploring. A more disarming defence would have been a reminder of the adage that the man who never made a mistake never made anything.

RUGBY UNION: INJURY SETS PROBLEM FOR WELSH SELECTORS

Holmes tackle that could prove costly

By Gerald Davies

Once more Terry Holmes's rugby career has been cruelly interrupted. On Wednesday night, mid-way through the second half of the match between Cardiff and Pontypool, and in front of 17,000, the largest crowd ever to assemble at the Cardiff club ground, he walked disconsolately off the Arms Park with a dislocated shoulder, a recurrence of an injury which first troubled him on the Lions' tour to South Africa in 1980 and from which, after surgery, he took a long time to recover.

The injury occurred when he tackled Chris Huish, the Pontypool flanker. "Such was the speed and commitment of both players into the tackle," Eddie Butler, the Pontypool captain, said, "that something had to give. Sadly, it was a serious injury to Terry." At the hospital he needed a general anaesthetic in order to reduce the swelling. He will be away from the game for at least two months.

For the number of games that Terry Holmes plays, he has remained relatively free of those niggling minor ailments which normally afflict a player during the season. Yet three times now he has been struck low

Apart from his previous dislocation, his career suffered a further setback when a damaged knee in the *first, international,* against New Zealand in 1983 took 10 months to recover. He returned to take part in only the final international, against England, last season.

The flaw, if it can be so called, is that he has been unable to measure his game. There had been signs that, with his new responsibilities as captain, he was beginning to learn the value of economy. His uninhibited enthusiasm for rugby, though, is such that he always plays in top gear, at a pace which has taken its toll even on his hefty and athletic frame.

The irony is that he might have been better off had he suffered the occasional twinge or strained muscle that others bear. In this way he would have been forced to restrict the number of games he plays.

Once more, too, the Welsh selectors are facing a dilemma as to who should replace him. On the statistical evidence of tries and points scored, and the huge contribution he makes to Pontypool, David Bishop is in line to inherit, however briefly, the No 9 jersey. If that comes to pass, last years's Welsh strategy of running wide would need to be abandoned and any discussion of the talent at stand-off half or the merits of the centres and wings would be purely academic, such is his fondness for doing things his way.

Now that he is in London, the spotlight is less on Mark Douglas. His three appearances last year should nonetheless hold him in good stead. But the time might be ripe to look to the future by introducing Robert Jones, of Swansea, into the squad.

Holmes the tactician, about to launch a torpedo

Australians reshuffle for Exeter

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Only three of the players who shared in the Australian's victory over the London Division on Wednesday play again tomorrow, when the touring side moves on to their second match against the South and South West Division at Exeter.

Of that trio, Moon appears again on the left wing and Campese moves to full back, where he has appeared before in representative rugby. Lynagh, pressed into service at centre when Black dropped out of the London match with a knee injury, reverts to his preferred position of stand-off half, where he will be partnered by Cox.

It is Cox, the first-choice scrum half against New Zealand in the summer, who has been causing the tour management concern after injuring a shoulder in training last week. There have been warning noises about the possibility of sending for a supplementary player but evidently the injury has mended. It is not an enviable position to have only one scrum half available: had Farr-Jones been injured during the game against London, Lane, a centre, would have replaced him.

As it is, Lane, along with another centre, Black, and Hanley, who can play wing or centre, remain the only members of the party to be without a game. Slack, the captain, and Hawker – the most experienced centres in the party – make their first tour appearances at Exeter.

Williams, the acting captain against London, paid a well turned tribute at the reception to Leslie Boundy, the former international referee, who died earlier this week. Mr Boundy was among the Australian hosts at a function on Monday and his is a sad loss to London rugby in general and Hertfordshire in particular.

AUSTRALIANS: D Campese; P Grigg, A Slack (captain), M Hawker, B Moore; M Lynagh, P Cox; E Rodriguez, M McBain, S Pilecki, C Roche, S Cutler, N Holt, D Codey, S Tuynman. Replacements: T Lawton, A McIntyre, R Reynolds, N Farr-Jones, M Ella, R Hanley.

England's plans disrupted

England's Rugby Union selectors have been forced to cancel a squad training session scheduled for next Tuesday, because of Bristol's decision to play Bath in a merit table match on the same night.

Bristol were originally due to meet Bath at the Memorial Ground on Monday evening, but, to allow the key players on both sides more time to recover from Saturday's divisional match against the Australians at Exeter, the clubs agreed today to put the fixture back 24 hours.

The switch, meant however, a clash with the England's forward's squad session and Derek Morgan, the chairman of selectors, decided to cancel the get-together, rather than force a difficult choice on the players. Now the squad session will be held on Monday, October 30 at a venue to be decided.

● Gloucestershire, the county champions, will be off to Canada and the west coast of America next spring on their first rugby tour for eight years.

HOCKEY

Duthie fit to play a key role

By Sydney Friskin

James Duthie, who plays a key role in the Great Britain attack, confirmed yesterday that he is fit to play in the international quadrangular tournament at Willesden Stadium, Donnington Road.

The Great Britain squad of 16 will have fitness checks at Bisham Abbey this morning before Bernie Cotton, the team manager, and the coach, David Whitaker, decide the composition of the team for the first match against Ireland, starting at 5.30. Britain, bronze medal winners at the Los Angeles Olympic Games, will then face opposition from the Netherlands tomorrow and the Soviet Union on Sunday.

After the fitness tests comes task of appointing the right men for the job. The most crucial position to be filled is that of outside right, where Batchelor, who is not available, did such splended work at Los Angeles. The most likely replacement is Kulbir Bhaura, of Hounslow.

Careful thought will need to be given to the other places in a five-forward system in which Kerly will retain his position in the centre. As Martin and McConnell, two other members of the Los Angeles squad, will be playing for Ireland, their places could go to Craig in deep defence and Faulkner in midfield.

Britain's match against Ireland will be followed at 7.15 by the game between the Soviet Union and the Netherlands. The Soviet Union, who lost only on penalty strokes to the Dutch in the European championship final last year, look much stronger than the Netherlands, who have lost a number of players through retirement.

Lucky Miss Thompson

By Joyce Whitehead

Berkshire's goalkeeper, J Thompson, from Slough, has had to wait only one season before being promoted to the first XI. She is the lucky one, for Pauline Gibbon, the former England goalkeeper, played for them since 1974 until joining Warwickshire. With Katie Dodd (Ealing) again as captain, Berkshire's newly selected team are having a training weekend starting today at Foxhill Bank, Accrington, the sports centre owned and run by Valerie Robinsn., the doyenne of the England team.

Cornwall are now one of several counties on tour this weekend, and tomorrow they play Oxfordshire, whose captain is Judy Crawford (Etceteras Club), a the hard court pitch at Kidlington, outsde Oxford (2.45). Cornwall then go on to play Leicestershire on the artificial sports turf pitch at 1.30 on Sunday in Abbey Park, Leicester.

The Leicestershire team looks very imposing. They are the Midlands county champions and Sue Holwell, the England B player from Bedford College of Higher Education, is the one newcomer. She an only strengthen the defence, to which Lesley Hurley has returned after three seasons out of representative hockey.

Hampshire are off to the North to play Lancashire tomorrow and Lytham St Anne's and Lancashire Central League on Sunday. Herefordshire, too, are on the march. They travel to Carmarthen tomorrow and will be at Bridgend to play Shropshire on Sunday.

BOXING

Las Vegas contest for Bruno

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Frank Bruno has decided to wipe out the memory of that disastrous knockout by Bonecrusher Smith last May at Wembley by going to the United States and beating an American heavyweight. He made the move on the advice of Dr Ferdie Pachecho, the influential American television commentator, who suggested that the big young man should go west and make new friends among United States boxing fans.

No opponent has as yet been found but Bruno will appear on the undercard of the Thomas Hearns – John Mugabi world light-middleweight championship bill at Las Vegas possibly in December. He will return home in February or March.

But first he has to see off one Jeff Jordan, from Columbus, Ohio, at the Albert Hall on November 6. Jordan has had 18 bouts and won 16, 11 of them inside the distance. At 6ft 3in and 16st he is as big and heavy as Bruno. Jordan's two losses have been on points and a first-round knockout.

Errol Christie, the exciting Coventry middleweight, also sets out to get his name back after that knockout by Jose Seys, of Belgium, last month. He meets Dave Plouden, of Virginia, at Halifax Civic Hall on November 1.

Joe Frazier and his fighting sons, Marvis and Rodney (heavyweights), and Smokin' Joe Junior (light-welter), *arrive in London* on Sunday on a two-month-tour of Britain. Smokin' Joe Junior has his first bout against Peter Ewbanks, the only man to have beaten Barry McGuigan, at Gateshead on October 26.

Hagler certain

New York (Agencies) – In spite of being beaten to a bloody pulp in his first bout with Marvin Hagler three years ago, when he required 55 stitches, Mustafa Hamsho says he can beat world middleweight champion tonight at Madison Square Garden.

But Hagler, now 30, has no doubts about his ability to stop Hamsho again. "There is no way I can even lose once in 10 fights against Hamsho", he said confidently as he wound up his training. "He is a punching-bag with no legs. I'll be the winner before the tenth round."

Radley maintain unbeaten record

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

One of the still considerable number of schools defending unbeaten records is Radley. Having recently overwhelmed Stowe they defeated the young and rather small Marlborough side 20-3 at the weekend with Sheasby, a promising No 8, scoring two tries and Stephenson and Beard one each. Johnson kicked two conversions and McNabb a penalty for the losers.

In Scotland, Glenalmond are also unbeaten, their latest victims, by 17-9 being Strathallan, who had not lost a match for 18 months. The Glenalmond left wing Bewsher ran in two tries, Lambert was the other try scorer for the winnes with Weir contributing a conversion and penalty.

Strathallan's points came from a try by Bannerman, converted by Corbett who also kicked a penalty.

Rossall, who were pessimistic before the season started, beat Stonyhurst22-24 to record their fourth win thanks to a powerful second half performance from their pack. Bailey and Nisbet scored Rossall's tries, Lees kicked four penalties and a conversion

When Trent College beat Nottingham High School 18-17, it was the first time home match that Nottingham had lost for two years. Cosslett and Pye scored Trent's tries with Dolman kicking two penalties and two conversions. Jenkin-Jones (2) and Staniforth were Nottingham's try scorers. Bailey contributed a penalty and conversion.

Nottingham put their defeat behind them with a convincing 27-9 victory on Wednesday over Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield. Nottingham's tries were scored by Floyd, Monk, and Saxelby. Staniforth contributed a dropped goal a Bailey kicked three conversions and two penalties. QEGS's point came from a try by Plum and a penalty and conversion by Clayton.

RUGBY LEAGUE

New GB coach will be named today

The name of the new Great Britain coach will be announced this morning at Rugby League headquarters in Leeds, with the management committee remaining tight-lipped about the successful candidate (Keith Macklin writes). Six coaches were interviewed on Tuesday and Wednesday and the successful applicant was given a second interview yesterday to tidy up contractual details.

The new Great Britain coach will be allowed to complete his current season with his club, but will then have two further seasons, covering Australian and New Zealand tours of this country, as full-time coach of the international side.

Among those interviewed were Malcolm Reilly, the Castleford coach who was runner-up to Frank Myler last time; Roger Millward, coach of Hull Kingston Rovers, the undefeated league leaders, and Peter Fox, the controversial and outspoken Bradford Northern coach

The Rugby League have signed a three-year deal worth £420,000 for Silk Cut to sponsor the Challenge Cup. *The game's most lucrative* competition will be known as the Silk Cut Challenge Cup and will receive £130,000 this season.

This season's final, on May 4, will be the fiftieth to be played at Wembley since the competition began 87 years ago.

Len Owen, a Silk Cut director, said at yesterday's launch "Rugby League enjoy's an enviable reputation for sportsmanship on the field and good behaviour off it."

The Lancashire Cup final to be played on Sunday week looks like attracting an attendance of between 25,000 and 30,000, the biggest for 10 years.

VOLLEYBALL

Mizuno title favourites

By Paul Harrison

With a conclusive 3-0 defeat of the reigning champions, Capital City Spikers, in the second round of matches in the English national league, sponsored by Britvic, Team Mizuno have established themselves as the favourites for the title. Mizuno (formerly Polonia and now backed by a Japanese sportswear company) took the first set 15-12 form 8-8, the second 15-6 and the third 15-12 after Spikers had led 11-8. Now top of the leagud, Mizuno travl t Poole this weekend – meet the Thumpers, one of the whose former stars, 6ft 7in Terry McCloskey has joined Mizuno.

Spikers, who hit too many bad patches for their own liking, meet Redwood Lodge, from Bristol, tomorrow and Spark Crook Log on Sunday, at their new home court, Westcroft SC, Carshalton.

In Scotland this weekend, the first round of the men's cup competition, sponsored by the Royal Bank, sees a record number of entries. With the first division clubs given byes into the second round, it is a chance for such as Aberdeen University and North C, two first-time entrants from the Granite City, to make a mark on the national stage.

In the women's league, Telford recoveed from the loss of their long unbeaten record the previous weekend, to win at Inverclyde 3-1. Telford are now coached by Rona Brodie, one of their Scottish international players.

Club in the club

A baby boom has forced the Derby women's team to withdraw from the national volleyball league. The club secretary, Brian Banks said that three of the six first team players are pregnant, one of them being his wife Joclyn. The side will continue to play in the East Midlands League and hopes to be back in national competition next year.

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Council not liable for loss

Governors of the Peabody Donation Fund v Sir Lindsay Parkinson & Co Ltd and Others

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Scarman, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook and Lord Templeman

[Speeches sold October 18]

A local authority who received information that an unsatisfactory drainage system, which did not conform to the approved plan, was being installed in a housing development owed no duty of care to the developer to activate their powers under the London Government Act 1963 to stop the unauthorized installation, notwithstanding that they might have foreseen that failure to do so would result in loss to the developer.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Governors of the Peabody Donation Fund, from a judgment of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Slade) (*The Times*, August 9, 1983; [1983] 3 WLR 754) who allowed an appeal by the third defendants, Lambeth London Borough Council, from an order of Judge Oddie on March 18, 1983, who declared that the plaintiffs were entitled to recover damages from the third defendants in respect of the failure of a drainage system installed at the plaintiffs' development at Knight's Hill, Lambeth.

Mr John Dyson, QC and Mr Stephen Furst for the plaintiffs; Mr John Owen, QC and Mr Richard Fernyhough for the local authority.

LORD KEITH said that in 1972 the plaintiffs decided to undertake the development of a site in Lambeth. The site of the development, which was for 245 houses, presented certain problems.

It was appreciated by the architects that the traditional rigid type of drainage system was likely to be unsuitable and they therefore designed a system which incorporated flexible joints between pipes at various critical points and submitted plans for approval to the local authority.

Early in 1973 the contractors were ready to begin construction of the drainage system. On February 2 the architects' representative on the site and a drainage inspector instructed by the local authority met and agreed between themselves that in certain parts of the system the planned flexible joints should be abandoned and fixed joints substituted.

The trial judge found that the drainage inspector had neither actual nor ostensible authority to agree the variation so that the local authority bore no responsibility for that action.

Soon afterwards the local authority wrote to the architects intimating approval in principle of the plans submitted which showed flexible joints throughout. However, the contractors commenced the construction of the drains incorporating rigid joints on the lines agreed on February 2.

The drainage inspector was then superseded by another inspector who had little experience in the relevant field having previously been employed as a plumber. He asked the contractors' site agent for information about the nature of the drains which were being constructed.

The site agent wrote a letter on May 4, 1973, addressed to the public health department, indicating, *inter alia*, that runs and connexions into and abutting the houses were laid with rigid joints. The drainage inspector took no action on that letter and in particular did not bring it to the attention of any of his superiors.

Construction with fixed joints proceeded and in due course tests carried out in late 1975 and early 1976 revealed that many of the drains had failed. Reconstruction was necessary, completion of the development was delayed for about three years, and the plaintiffs were faced with substantial claims by the contractors for additional payments said to be due to them because of the delay.

The plaintiffs started proceedings against the contractors, the architects and the local authority. In the event the claim against the architects was compromised, and the trial judge held that the cause of the failure of the drains was the design change, not faulty workmanship on the part of the contractors.

The plaintiffs' case against the local authority was, in substance, that the local authority were under a duty of care, owed to the plaintiffs, when they became aware through the letter of May 4, 1973, that the contractors were installing drains with rigid joints, to invoke their powers under paragraph 15 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the London Government Act 1963 so as to require a reversion to the flexible joint design which they had previously approved.

The duty was not said to be a statutory one, but one that arose on common-law principles because the local authority ought to have foreseen that, if they did not take steps to stop the installation of drains with rigid joints, severe economic loss would ensue to the plaintiffs.

It could be accepted that knowledge of the contents of the letter of May 4, 1973, was to be imputed to the local authority and also that they had power under paragraph 15 of Part III of Schedule 9 to stop the unauthorized installation. So the issue really was whether the local authority owed a duty to the plaintiffs to warn them that they were heading for financial disaster.

Lord Atkin's famous enunciation of the general principles on which the law of negligence was founded, in *Donoghue v Stevenson* ([1932] AC 562, 580) had long been recognized as not intended to afford a comprehensive definition, to the effect that every situation which was capable of falling within the terms of the utterance and which resulted in loss automaticaly afforded a remedy in damages.

The true question in each case was whether the particular defendant owed to the particular plaintiff a duty of care having the scope which was contended for, and whether he was in breach of that duty with consequent loss to the plaintiff. A relationship of proximity in Lord Atkin's sense must exist before any duty of care could arise, but the scope of the duty must depend on all the circumstances of the case.

In determining whether or not a duty of care of particular scope was incumbent on a defendant it was material to take into consideration whether it was just and reasonable that it should be so.

In the instant case the plaintiffs, the owners of the building site and the undertakers of the development thereon, bore responsibility, under paragraph 13 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the 1963 Act, for securing that the drains conformed to the design approved by the local authority.

The plaintiffs no doubt had no personal knowledge or understanding of what was going on. They relied on the advice of their architects, engineers and contractors. But it would be neither reasonable nor just, in those circumstances, to impose on the local authority a liability to indemnify the plaintiffs against loss resulting from such disastrous reliance.

The purpose for which the powers contained in paragraph 15 had been conferred on the local authority was not to safeguard building developers against economic loss resulting from their failure to comply with approved plans.

It was to safeguard the occupiers of houses built in the local authority's area, and also members of the public generally, against dangers to their health which might arise from defective drainage installations.

It was sufficient for the determination of the appeal to hold that the local authority owed no duty to the plaintiffs to activate their paragraph 15 powers, notwithstanding that they might reasonably have foreseen that failure to do so would result in economic loss to the plaintiffs, because the purpose of avoiding such loss was not one of the purposes for which those powers were vested in them.

The plaintiffs had relied strongly on two recent cases decided by different divisions of the Court of Appeal. In *Acrecrest Ltd v W. S. Hattrell & Partners* ([1983] QB 260) the court had construed passages from the speech of Lord Wilberforce in *Anns v Merton London Borough Council* ([1978] AC 728, 751-752, 758) as intended to lay down that a local authority, in the exercise of their supervisory functions over building projects, owed a duty of care to a building developer to see that his property did not suffer damage, even though there was no question of apprehended injury to the health or safety of the developer.

In his Lordship's opinion, they had failed to appreciate correctly the course of Lord Wilberforce's reasoning and consequently misapplied the decision in *Anns*. In the result, *Acrecrest* was wrongly decided and should be overruled.

The second case was *Dennis v Charnwood Borough Council* ([1983] QB 409). It did not, however, assist the plaintiffs in the present case, because not only was there no question of injury to health or safety at issue so far as they were concerned, but they were proceeding to install drains with fixed joints in flat disregard of the local authority's requirements.

Lord Scarman, Lord Bridge, Lord Brandon and Lord Templeman agreed.

Solicitors: Bridges Sawtell & Adams; Barlow Lyde & Gilbert.

Rectifying Land Register entry

Argyle Building Society v Hammond and Others

Before Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Justice Slade and Sir David Cairns

[Judgment delivered October 18]

The court had a discretion under section 82 of the Land Registration Act 1925 to order the rectification of the charges register at the Land Registry the Court of Appeal held, adding that that jurisdiction was exerciseable against a building society that was a *bona fide* mortgagee.

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, allowed an appeal from Judge Goldstone at Barnet County Court on a preliminary issue by Mr Michael Steed, the third defendent to an action for possession of property mortgaged to the plaintiffs, the Argyle Building Society.

In 1964 Mr Steed became the freehold owner of 2 Arlow Road, Winchmore Hill, London, and was registered as proprietor of it with title absolute at the Land Registry.

He alleged that in 1979, while he was in the United States, he had been induced to sign a power of attorney purporting to empower his mother to sell the house on his behalf. He further alleged that a transfer of the house then took place by way of a forged deed in favour of the first and second defendants, Mr David Hammond and Mrs Claire Hammond, Mr Steed's sister.

The building society had advanced £15,000 to Mr and Mrs Hammond on the security of a legal charge of the property. That transaction had been entered into in good faith. Subsequently Mr and Mrs Hammond were registered at the Land Registry as being the joint proprietors of the property and a legal charge in favour of the building society was also registered.

Mr and Mrs Hammond defaulted in making payments on the mortgage and in February 1982 the building society instituted proceedings against them seeking possession of the house. Mr Steed was given leave to be joined as a defendant to that action.

In November 1983, Judge Goldstone, after hearing argument on a preliminary point, held that on the assumption that the deed of transfer was a forgery but without deciding that point, the building society took its charge in good faith and for value and that in law Mr Steed could not obtain rectification of the charges register against the building society. The judge concluded that the building society was entitled to an order for possession.

Mr Andrew Walker for Mr Steed; Mr James Leckie for the building society.

LORD JUSTICE SLADE, giving the judgment of the court, said that had the title to the house not been registered and Mr Steed's signature on the transfer had been forged, there would be no question of the building society's charge binding Mr Steed. He could have asserted that the transfer was a nullity and that nothing had occurred to divest him of the freehold title to the house unencumbered by any charge.

But the fact of registration necessitated a somewhat different approach. The effect of the registration of Mr and Mrs Hammond as proprietors must have been to vest in them the legal fee simple regardless of any forgery. That was by virtue of the "statutory magic" effected by section 69(1) of the 1925 Act.

Moreover once a person was registered as the proprietor of freehold land he had the statutory power to creat valid charges (sections 69(1), 25, 26 and 27) even though the purported transfer was by way of a forged instrument. The Act thus contained striking exceptions to the general principle *nemo dat quod non habet* [no one can give a better title than he has].

Nevertheless any protection enjoyed by a proprietor or mortgagee was subject to the provisons contained in section 82 for discretionary rectification of the register. That jurisdiction to rectify extended to the property register, the proprietorship register and the charges register. And by section 82(2) the court was empowered in a proper case to rectify the charges register even though rectification might affect a charge acquired or protected by registration and thus might on occasions cause loss to innocent parties.

In the light of the wide discretion given to the court it was at first sight surprising that Judge Goldstone concluded as he did. However, in so doing he had relied heavily on the statement of law in *Ruoff & Roper, Registered Conveyancing* (fourth edition (1979) at p789) and on the decision of Mr Justice Luxmore in *In re Leighton's Conveyance* ([1936] 1 All ER 667).

The judge had erred in law. There was no doubt that on the basis of the assumed facts the court would have jurisdiction in the proper exercise of its discretion to rectify the charges register as against the chargees. And section 82(2) made it clear that the jurisdiction was exerciseable against persons claiming through a registered proprietor.

The authors of *Ruoff & Roper* had stated too broad a proposition in saying that "although rectification may be granted against the proprietor of the land, a charge created by the transferee in favour of a *bona fide* mortgagee will not be disturbed". There were other similar passages in that work which could benefit from slight qualification. Further the *Leighton* case was not an authority for such an unqualified proposition. For those reasons the appeal should be allowed.

Solicitors: Colin Bishop & Co; Warrens.

Recovering supplementary benefit

Chief Supplementary Benefit Officer v Leary

Before Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Justice Kerr and Lord Justice Slade

[Judgment delivered October 18]

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the Chief Supplementary Benefit Officer against a decision of the tribunal of Social Security Commissioners given on July 25, 1983, whereby the commissioners adjudged that the decision of the supplementary benefit tribunal given on December 18, 1981, was erroneous in point of law and should be set aside and the claim of Timothy Leary, (the "deceased") for benefit be re-heard.

Mr Robert Carnwath for the DHSS; Mr R. J. B. Drabble for the personal representative of the deceased.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that on March 2, 1970, the deceased began to receive supplementary benefit on the basis that his only capital consisted of a National Savings Bank account and one premium bond. He received the benefit until his death on May 11, 1981.

After the deceased's death it was discovered that he had £1,589 cash and current and deposit accounts with the Midland Bank which were in credit totalling £3,513. Had the Department of Health and Social Security (DHSS) known those facts the deceased would not have been paid the benefit he received.

The overpayment was alleged to be £4,383. For the purposes of the present appeal what was the statutory basis for adopting an accounting method?

The commissioners thought the statutory basis was derived from paragraph 27 of Schedule 1 to the Supplementary Benefits Act, 1976. Mr Drabble submitted that that paragraph was irrelevant and the method involved the application of the arithmetical principle of diminishing returns to paragraph 20 of the Schedule.

On the facts of the instant case, in terms of money it would probably matter little to the deceased whether paragraphs 20 or 27 applied; but to the DHSS it mattered a great deal because cases of overpayment involved millions of pounds of public money.

There was nothing in Schedule 1 to justify the DHSS's submission that paragraph 27 could not apply to the court's sum and other moneys in question merely because they were "capital resources" within paragraph 20. Paragraphs 20 and 27 were not mutually exclusive.

Paragraph 27 had been repealed by the amendments made to the 1976 Act by the Social Security Act 1980 but it was still applicable to overpayments made before November 24, 1980.

The other point in the appeal was whether a decision of Sir Douglas Frank, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge, in *Musgrove v Secretary of State for Social Services* (1981, unreported), was binding on the commissioners. An inferior court was not entitled to disregard a decision of a superior court, however sure it might be that it had been wrongly decided: *Farrell v Alexander* ([1977] AC 59).

The commissioners considered that they were entitled to treat as having no more than persuasive force decisions of the High Court on points of law made between January 1, 1978, and November 24, 1980, under the jurisdiction conferred on the court by the combined operation of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1971 and the Tribunals and Inquiries (Supplementary Benefit Appeal Tribunals) Order (S I 1977 No 1735) because during that period the High Court was exercising a jurisdiction which since November 24, 1980, had been vested in the commissioners by the Tribunals and Inquiries (Supplementary Benefit Appeal Tribunals) (Revocation) Order (S I 1980 No 1601).

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Smelly diesel, the frontrunner as tomorrow's car

It is appropriate that in the centenary year of the car, the theme of the 65th British Motor Show should be "The Car of Tomorrow". The manufacturers have responded magnificently by trotting out their most extravagant "concept" models to woo the visiting motorist and catch the eye of the hordes of photographers.

But behind the razzmatazz there is growing evidence tomorrow's car will be that most unexciting of concepts, the smelly old diesel. At least, that is most people's concept and one that persists despite the rapid advances in design over the past three years.

Ford's belated entry this year into volume manufacture of a lightweight, fast-revving diesel engine has given the diesel market in Britain just the boost it needed to follow the lead of its continental neighbours in harnessing the diesel's more economic consumption of cheaper fuel.

Despite its problems with Britain's savage price war, Ford is still the market leader, selling more than one in four of all cars bought here. Whatever Ford does, its competitors must try to match or even better. And when it invested £100m to produce a 1.6 litre deisel engine at Dagenham to supply Ford car plants throughout Europe, the alarm bells began to ring.

At the show this week Mr Sam Toy, chairman of Ford in Britain, revealed that his company is already thinking of increasing the capacity of the new plant. He said that his dealers were complaining that they could not get enough diesel cars.

He predicts that within the next five to ten years diesels will account for 15 per cent of all cars sold here. On the basis of the present 1.75 million cars a year market, that suggests a remarkable 260,000 diesels a year.

In the short term, he is confident that next year 10 per cent of Orion sales, and 78 per cent of Escort sales, will be diesel and as much as 30 per cent Escort and Fiesta vans.

As recently as 10 years ago only 300 diesel cars a year were sold in Britain. Today we are looking at 40,000, still small beer compared with France and Italy, but clearly beginning to move at last.

The Bentley Mulsanne Turbo on the Rolls-Royce stand at the motor show.

Father Mercedes

Daimler-Benz claims to be the father of the diesel car which it introduced 50 years ago. Today, diesel cars account for about half its total car production. Herr Hans Tauscher, managing director of Mercedes UK, told a Motor Show gathering: "As fuel prices increase and the differential remains in favour of diesel, more and more businesses and long-distance drivers in particular can be expected to turn increasingly towards diesel. In our view, there is no longer an image disadvantage with diesel. The latest cars, such as our new 190D, are smooth, quiet, fuel efficient and powerful enough for today's traffic conditions."

My own experience with diesel cars suggest there is plenty of room for improvement on one important aspect. I refer to the messy business of refilling the tank. Most people without experience of diesels do not appreciate that the smallest drip from the nozzle does not evaporate as does petrol but remains on the ground to contaminate shoes.

No amount of wiping will remove the smell which invades the car for days. It is hardly the most welcome of companions for drivers or passengers with queasy stomachs.

I hope readers will join me in the campaign I am now waging to persuade forecourt staff to provide containers of sand or sawdust alongside diesel pumps so that spilled fuel can be covered before you step into it.

The response so far has been very mixed. Some attendants react by dashing out and performing the chore themselves. Others return a withering glance, a shrug of the shoulders, and the throw-away comment, "That's not my job, mate".

Even a clean floor can be offset by a messy nozzle, however. More and more regular diesel drivers are carrying a pair of cheap gardening gloves in the boot. But that still leaves you with a smelly boot.

I refuse to believe that the vast resources of the oil industry cannot come up with practical improvements in forecourt diesel equipment.

Discount war

The main topic of conversation in the back rooms of the show is the price war and in particular the part played by Ford last month to defend its market leadership.

Majority opinion suggests that the extensive price-cutting indulged in by manufacturers over the past two-and-a-half years is here to stay. Mr Harold Musgrove, chairman of Austin-Rover, told me: "What alternative is there when the industry in Europe has such massive over-capacity?

"Ideally we should get together to reduce it, but in practical terms that is a non-starter because firms like Austin-Rover have already made major cutbacks while competitors have retained or even extended their capacity."

Ford insists that it is more sinned against than sinning. Mr Toy is one of the few industry leaders who sees some signs that more sensible counsels are at last prevailing and that incentive bonuses will reduce progressively. He declines to give examples because that would mean talking about a competitor, a stand he would like to see taken by those rivals who in his view spend too much time priming the media about Ford's misdemeanours.

One of the few people to go on record at the show with criticism of what he described as "distress marketing" was Mr Peter Beaumont, the newly installed chief executive of Colt Cars, which imports Mitsubishi cars from Japan.

He said: "This strategy only encourages perpetuation of the retail discount war and contributes even further to the collapse of the retail market. Already this year we have seen a record number of bankruptcies within the retail motor industry. According to the latest Motor Agents Asscn figures, bankrupticies have increased by 20 per cent in the first nine months of 1984."

As evidence of the excesses being practised, he said that Ford dealers registered more than 17,000 cars in the last 10 days of September compared with 25,000 in the first 20 days. Yet most buyers would be willing to wait until the start of the next month for their new car to save one month's road tax.

And it is not just the Big Three, Ford, Austin-Rover and General Motors, which are indulging in cheque book selling. Nissan registered 60 per cent of its September sales in the last 10 days of the month. That is an awful lot of unsold cars waiting to be off-loaded at bargain prices.

Tail piece

This year's motor show cost about £3.4m to mount. The organizers, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, hope to make £500,000 profit, but only if 750,000 paying visitors turn up before the doors close on the evening of Sunday, October 28. The last show in 1982 attracted only 65,000. Tomorrow is the first public day.

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BIRTHS

BLEST – On October 12th, at Maidstone Hospital, to Jan (née Cook) and Peter, a daughter, Lucy Christina.

CLARKE: On October 10th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Meg (nee Chesstoyre) and Simon a daughter Susanna Margaret a sister for Emily, Jessica and Alice.

COPPEL. On October 13th, 1984 at Queen Charlotte's, to June (nee Gillespie) and Andrew – a daughter (Claire Greer).

EVANS. – On 17 Oct to Susan (née Lundegard) and Alun a daughter Charlotte.

EZEOKE – On 16th Sept '84, at Uni College Hosp. to Maurice and Chinyelu, a daughter, Benita Sharon Uzoamaka, sister to Maurice (Jnr) and Leslie.

HEAL – On 15 October, in Northern Ireland, to Judy (née Hodges) and William – a son.

JARMAN. – On October 13th to Janie (née Elliot) and Robert, a son, Thomas Digby Robert.

JORGENSEN. – On October 17th, to Maria and Roger of Honeydale Farm – a daughter (Jessica Helen). Our thanks to the team at Queen Mary's, Sidcup.

LEE – on October 15th, at the Countess of Chester Hospital, to Jane and Michael, a son, Frederick Thomas Kawa, a brother for Sophie.

MACDONALD – On October 18th to Sandy (née Wills) and Andrew at Queen Charlottes – a daughter (Eleonore Rose).

MERRY. – On October 16th, to Rosemary (née Moore) and Philip, a son, Thomas Ian, brother for Robert.

MORE.–On October 6th to Sally (née Thistlethwaite) and Robert a son. William John.

REILLY. – On 1st October 1984, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Janette (nee Perrigo) and Michael, a son (Richard Albert) a sparring partner for Edward.

TESTAR. – On October 17th at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton to Siobagh (Strother Smith) and Peter, a daughter, Philippa Katherine.

DEATHS

BALLYN– on 16th October peacefully in hospital Irene of 2 Norton Cottages, Chart Sutton, Maidstone, widow of Charles (Cecil) Ballyn Funeral service St Michael and All Angels Church, Chart Sutton, on Monday 22nd October at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Flowers and any enquiries to Sears Funeral Service, 2 Thornhill Place, Maidstone. Tel. Maidstone 54663.

BOTT. – On October 17th 1984. Peacefully at home, Patricia Mary Tracey (née Gold), aged 85, widow of R. E. A. (Dick), adored mother of Ted and David, and grandmother of Charles and Richard. Cremation private. No flowers. Service of Thanksgiving at Christchurch, Radlett, at 12 noon on Thursday October 25th.

CLARK – on October 16, at home, Norman E. (Beagler) Clark, formerly of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, beloved husband of Kathleen and father of David. Funeral at St Nicholas Church, Brockenhurst at 2.30 pm on Wednesday, October 24. Flowers to Cleveland, South Weirs, Brockenhurst.

DAVID. – On 12th October 1984, suddenly but peacefully at home, Nancy, wife of Tudor, and mother of Glenwyn and Martyn.

FREEMAN. – On 15th October 1984, peacefully at Charing Cross Hospital, Donald Geoffrey Ralph, aged 83, of Mall Road, W6, and formerly of Chiddingstone, Hoath, Kent. Funeral service at Mortlake Cemetery, Clifford Avenue, SW14, on Thursday, 25th October, at 2.30 pm. Flowers and enquiries to J. H. Kenyon Ltd. 01-834 4624.

GARRARD. – On October 16th Stamp Morgan, beloved husband of Daphne. Funeral service at St Pauls Church, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, on Wednesday October 24th at 2.15pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but if desired donations to Cancer Research.

GERMAN. – On October 17th 1984 at Walton Bury Nursing Home, Stafford, Col. Guy Johnson German, D.S.O., T.D., F.R.I.C.S. Private funeral, family flowers only. Donations to Army Benevolent Fund. A memorial service will be held at St Helens Church, Ashby de la Zouch at 12 noon on 7th November 1984. Enquiries ring Mrs Jones, Ashby 412821.

HARRIS – on October 16th at his home Belmont Park, Eastling, Faversham in Kent, The Right Honourable George St. Vincent Baron Harris, CBE, MC, JP, DL, aged 95 years, 5th Baron. Private funeral. No flowers please.

HOBBS – On October 17th, very peacefully, Marjorie Nancy Hobbs, daughter of the late Lieutenant General Sir Talbot and Lady Hobbs, beloved sister of Betty Gordon, and the dearly loved aunt of her many nieces and nephews. Cremation private. No flowers at her request.

MACKWORTH-YOUNG – On October 18th, 1984, in London, Gerard William (Bill) aged 58 in his sleep, much loved husband of Eve and father of Angela, Susan, Lucinda and Tessa. Funeral private. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, Cancer Research Campaign, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

MASSINGHAM – on October 17, quietly and now at peace, Gwendoline Betty (née Gosselin) aged 76. Funeral at 12 noon, on Tuesday October 23, at Biddenden Parish Church, Kent, afterwards at the village hall. If desired, flower sprays to T. W. Fuggle & Son 20 Ashford Road, Tenterden, for enjoyment of the church.

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POLLARD. – Peacefully on October 16th, 1984, Kathleen Mary, aged 87 years, of St Katherines, Grove Lane, Hackney, Matlock, Derbyshire, Widow of the Rev. Pedr Pollard, formerly of Cotes Heath and Eccleshall, Stafford. Dearest mother of Peter, much loved mother-in-law of Hilary, and grandmother of Hugh and Ben. Admired and respected by all who knew her. Funeral service and interment at Cotes Heath Church on Monday, October 22nd at 11.30 a.m. Flowers if desired or inquiries regarding donations please, to Thomas Greatorex and Sons Ltd. Tel: Matlock (0629) 2470.

PORTELLY. – Suddenly on 17 Oct. 1984. Dr Louis Valentine of Cricklade Rd, Swindon. Dearly loved husband of Greta and father of Michael, Tony, Helen, John and Angela. Funeral Friday 26 October. Requiem Mass at St Mary's Church, Tovey Road, Swindon at 12.30 pm followed by interment at Whitworth Road Cemetery, Swindon. Flowers may be sent to the Hillier Chapel of Rest, the Broadway, Swindon. Tel: (0793) 22797.

SCOTT. – Rita, at Bristol on October 17th, 1984, after a long illness borne with courage, dignity and love. Wife of the late Angus M. Scott and mother of David, Tish and Judy. Funeral service, Canford Crematorium, Bristol, Wednesday, October 24th, at 11.40 am. Memorial service in Scotland later. Family flowers only. Donations to St Peter's Hospice, Tennis Road, Knowle, Bristol 4.

SHAW – On October 16th in Westminster Hospital, John Bernard – dedicated architect and true friend. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Tuesday, October 23rd, 3.45, East Chapel. No flowers. Enquiries. Messrs Cooksey. 01-883 4844.

WARREN– On 15th October 1984 suddenly at his home, Eric Foster Warren, aged 65 beloved husband of Peg and father of Deborah (Jane) and Philip. Funeral at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Tuesday 23rd October at 12 noon. No flowers please, but donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH.

FUNERALS

HARTCUP – The funeral service for Michael James Monyns Hartcup, will take place at St Mary's Church, Ditchingham, Norfolk, on Thursday, October 25th, at 2.30 pm, followed by interment at All Saints Church, Earsham. Transport has been arranged to meet the London train, arriving Norwich, at 12.06.

WAKEHAM. – The funeral of Mrs Anne Roberta Wakeham, took place privately, at St Mary's, Old Alresford, Hampshire, yesterday. Donations if desired, to the NSPCC, c/o National Westminster Bank, East Street, Alresford, Hampshire.

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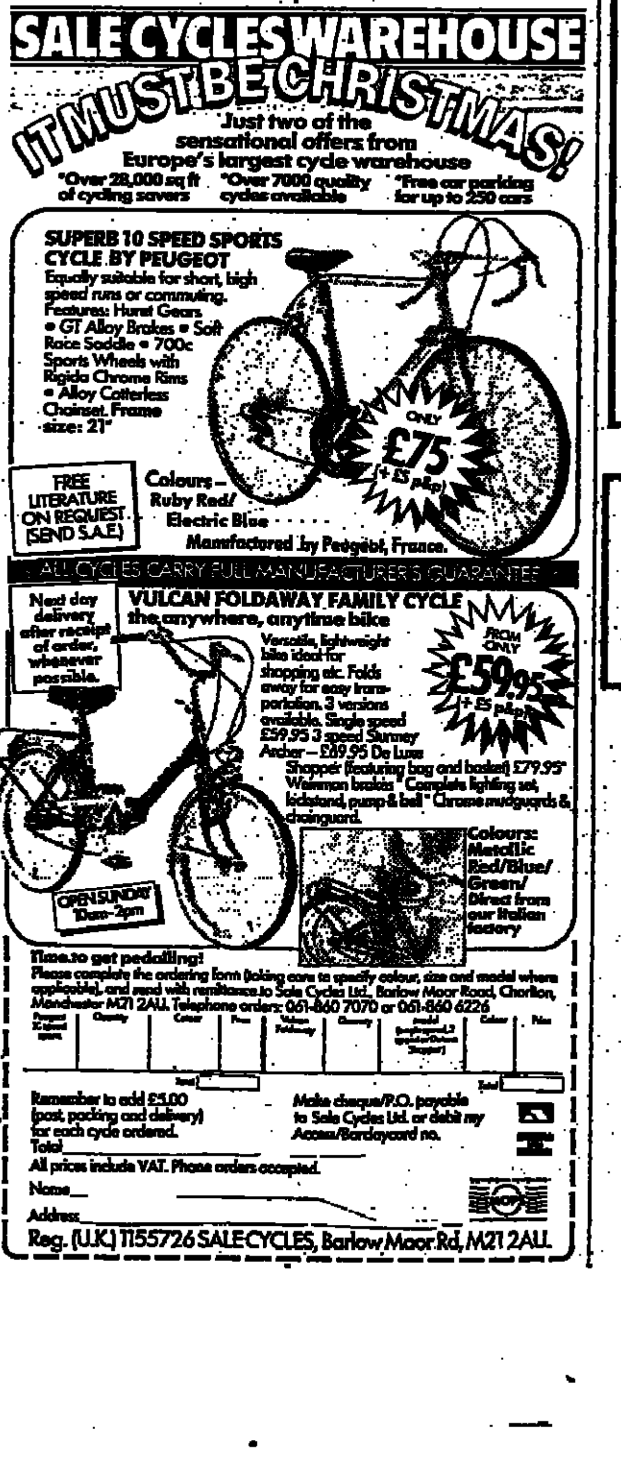

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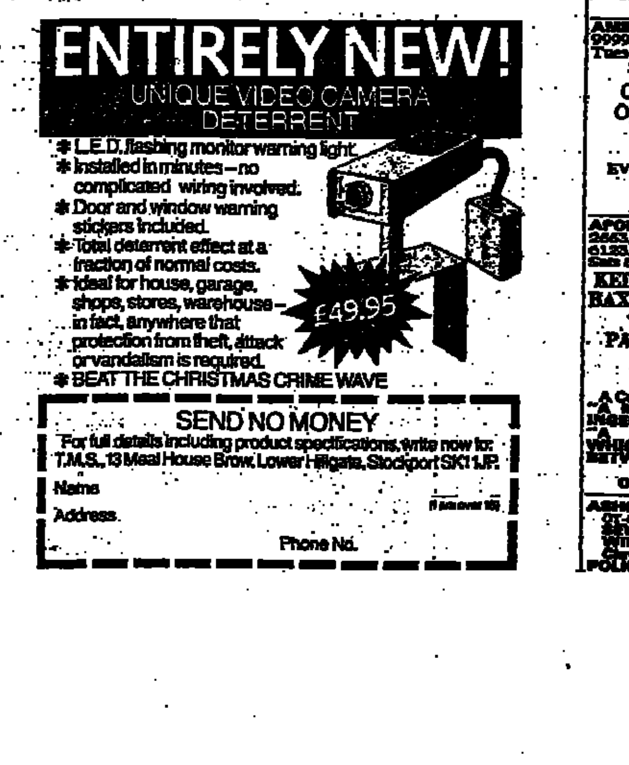

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, traffic and sports bulletins.

6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Nick Ross. News from Fern Britton at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours and at 8.59; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; programme highlights at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18; gardening advice from Alan Titchmarsh at 7.32.

9.00 Mastermind. Robert Foulkes, Maisie Lunan, John McGrath and George Snowden are the competitors and their specialist subjects are, respectively, the life and works of Antoine Lavoisier; the life and works of J. M. Barrie; the second Punic War 219-202BC; and the operas of Gilbert and Sullivan (r). **9.30 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School,** (r). **10.50 Ceefax.**

12.30 News After Noon with Moira Stuart and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Ian McCaskill. **12.57** Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes a location report on the new series of Tenko and guests, singer Jack Jones and author, J. P. Donleavy. **1.45 Little Misses and the Mister Men** (r).

2.00 Writers' Houses. Gordon Jackson visits the Kirriemuir cottage of J. M. Barrie (r).

2.15 Film: Return of the Bad Men* (1948) starring Robert Ryan, Randolph Scott and Gabby Hayes. Ryan plays the Sundance Kid, running riot on Oklahoma territory and a natural opponent for the honest and upright Marshal Vance (Scott). Directed by Ray Enright. **3.40 The Blue Racer.** Cartoon series. **3.48** Regional news (not London).

3.50 Play School, presented by Ben Thomas. **4.10 The Family Ness. 4.15 Beat the Teacher.** Inter-school quiz. **4.30 Benji, Zax and the Alien Prince.**

4.55 Hartbeat. Tony Hart and Margot Wilson with another programme in the series that takes a different approach to picture making. **5.15 Crackerjack** with guests Basil Brush, Level 42 and acrobats, The Duo Veress. **5.58** Weather.

6.00 News with Jeremy Paxman and Nicholas Witchell.

6.30 London Plus.

6.55 Cartoon. Tom and Jerry in Neapolitan Mouse.

7.00 Blankety Blank. Les Dawson's panel this week consists of Geoff Capes, Lynsey de Paul, Jan Leeming, Don MacLean, Spike Milligan and Claire Rayner.

7.35 'Allo 'Allo! Comedy series about a reluctant Resistance man in occupied France (Ceefax).

8.05 Bergerac. The Jersey detective investigates a case of mugging on the island. He is hampered in his search for the attacker by the victim's vivid imagination. Starring John Nettles and special guest, Norman Wisdom (r) (Ceefax).

9.00 News with Julia Somerville.

9.25 Film: Honky Tonk Freeway (1981) starring Beau Bridges. The first showing on British television of this satire about an ambitious Florida holiday resort that finds all its plans to attract holidaymakers comes to nothing when a new highway leaves them without an exit road for the tourists. Directed by John Schlesinger.

11.08 News headlines.

11.10 The Hollywood Greats. Barry Norman presents a profile of Henry Fonda, with contributions from, among others, James Stewart, Jack Lemon and Sidney Lumut (r).

12.00 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; angling news at 6.42; guests David Essex and Roberta Flack from 6.45; exercises at 6.46 and 9.20; the day's anniversaries at 6.51; Popeye cartoon at 7.22; pop video at 7.54; Jeni Barnett's post bag at 8.15; Jimmy Greaves's programme highlights at 8.34; the weekend's best buys at 8.43.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines, **9.30 For Schools:** Bigotry and prejudice at a girl's football match. **9.47** Families face illness and unemployment. **10.09** Children's special places. **10.26** An MP's responsibilities to the House of Commons. **10.48** Physics: electron diffraction. **11.05** A visit to a town. **11.22** Part four of The Sea Green Man. **11.39** History: the Bonus Army of the Great Depression.

12.00 Gideon. (r). **12.10 Rainbow.** Learning with puppets and guest Peter Sowerbutts (Oracle). **12.30 Make It Pay.** Advice on how to make money through hobbies.

1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames news with Robin Houston. **1.30 Film: The Wedding Night*** (1935) starring Gary Cooper and Anna Sten. The story of a worldly wise author who leaves his New York home with his wife for the country in order to write a story about his foreign-born neighbours. Directed by King Vidor.

3.00 That's My Dog. Quiz game for canines and their owners. **3.25** Thames news headlines. **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 Rainbow. A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10. **4.20 Rub a Dub Dub.** an animated and up-dated version of the nursery rhyme. The Wise Old Owl. **4.25 Inspector Gadget.**

4.50 Royal Children. Pamela Armstrong takes a look at the world into which Prince Harry was born. **5.15 Blockbusters.**

Transmissions in the Thames TV area depend on the settlement of an industrial dispute.

5.45 News. 6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show. Michael Aspel and his team with the off-beat side of London life.

7.00 Airwolf. The first of a new adventure series about an almost invincible combat helicopter and its pilot. The machine is much sought after by enemy nations and tonight an agent for one of them plots a satellite survey to try and discover its whereabouts. Starring Jan-Michael Vincent and Ernest Borgine (Oracle).

8.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right. Prize games between couples.

8.30 We Love TV. A test of television programme knowledge between a team of personalities – Isla St Clair and Martin Jarvis – and a team of members of the public viewers – Susan Wilson and Peter Docherty (Oracle).

9.00 Mitch. The Fleet Street Crime Reporter on the trail of another story (Oracle).

10.00 News at Ten followed by London news headlines.

10.30 The Battle for London. Brian Walden is in the chair as the environment minister, Kenneth Baker, debates the abolition of the GLC with Ken Livingstone.

12.00 Around Midnight. Chat show presented by Janet Street-Porter and Auberon Waugh. The guests are Derek Jameson, Vicki Hodge, Linda Agran and Margaret Hodge.

1.40 Night Thoughts.

Claudio Casadei: bagnino. Italians (BBC 2, 8.30 pm)

CHOICE

● THE ITALIANS, ten impressionistic portraits of which *Claudio's Beach* about the jaunty *bagnino* on the left is the first (BBC 2, 8.30pm) is nothing if not comprehensive: everything from a nun to a Communist mayor, with a fisherman, actress, car worker and art restorer among the rest. Of Italian parentage myself, I can testify to the fact that, in tonight's film at any rate, the generalizations ("Italians are more romantic than Norwegians"..."When it comes to mass and not elitist tourism, the Italians are best"...and so on) are not so hopelessly wide of the target that despairing sociologists will turn their backs on the series. At an elementary level, the educational content of *Claudio's Beach* is high. You will learn, for example, that a *bagnino* is someone who rents out sunbeds and umbrellas on Italy's beaches; and that, in the summertime mating game, the nearer to the water's edge you are, the more amenable to overtures you are taken to be. You will learn that the reason that normally crowded beaches are deserted at noon, is that tourists have paid for their three-course lunch and are determined to have it. And you will learn that if you persist in looking at Page 3 of *The Sun* while roasting on the beach at Rimini, it means you are one of those who prefer the shadow to the substance.

● FREUD ends tonight (BBC 2, 9.25pm) and the sixth episode will make no sense whatsoever if you missed the previous five because it fills in all the gaps in the psychoanalyst's own case history, closes the file, and puts it alongside the others that have accumulated so engrossingly during the past six weeks. As almost the whole cast make their curtain-calls tonight, this seems a good time to pay particular tribute to Suzanne Bertish's Minna, Michael Kitchen's Fleischl and Michael Pennington's Jung. As for David Suchet's Freud, I regret that so many of my colleagues have failed to recognize three-dimensional acting when they saw it.

● An enjoyable contrast to *Freud*, Hitchcock's SPELLBOUND (BBC 2, 11.40pm) is pseudo-psychoanalysis, Hollywood style, and so glossy that you can practically see Hitchcock's wily grin reflected in it. Salvadore Dali conceived the dream sequences. I still prefer those in *Freud*.

Peter Davalle.

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.

9.30 Daytime on Two: Science: catalysis **9.52** Part five of Badger Girl. **10.15** Maths: degrees. **10.38** Fire, Earth and Metals. **11.00** Craft, design and technology. **11.22** The everyday life of an assembly line worker in a Hiroshima car factory. **11.44** Going to work in a modern office. **12.05** Lesson five of the introductory course in the use of computers.

12.30 The role of the telephone in an office. **12.55** Britain's performance as an economic power since the industrial revolution. **1.20** Let's Go. For moderately handicapped young adults. **1.38** Scotland's Great Glen. **2.00** Teenagers talk about the pleasures and pains of leaving home. **2.30** The novelists from the North of England who came to the fore in the Fifties.

3.00 Dallas. Cliff Barnes is taken in by J. R.'s misleading information about offshore oil exploration (r) (Ceefax).

3.45 Submarines at War. Submariners recall their wartime experiences.

3.55 Dallas (again) Sue Ellen is mistaken for Peter's mother (r) (Ceefax).

4.45 Animal Antiques. A Forty Minutes documentary about traditional farm animals that are in danger of extinction (r).

5.25 News summary with subtitles.

5.30 16 Up – The YTS Report. Beverley Anderson is in the chair as a group of Youth Training Scheme trainees meet politicians and experts to discuss the issues raised in the earlier programmes of the series.

6.00 The Invaders. Science fiction adventure.

6.50 The Best of Brass. The fourth round one competition and the North West championships, Fairy Engineering Band, play against the London and Southern Counties champions, Newham Band.

7.25 100 Great Sporting Moments. The 1953 FA Cup final between Blackpool and Bolton.

7.35 Gardeners' World. The last programme of the series and the team of Geoff Hamilton, Clay Jones and Betty Metcalf explain what is to be done in the garden during the winter.

8.00 Call My Bluff. A new series begins with, on one side, Frank Muir, Hannah Gordon and Tim Rice; on the other Arthur Marshall, Moira Stuart and Charles Dance.

8.30 Italians. (see Choice).

9.00 M*A*S*H. BJ goes on an orgy of practical joking, sending everybody mad.

9.25 Freud. The final part of the serial based on the life of the celebrated psychoanalyst (Ceefax).

10.25 The Godwin Diving International. The Woman's Highboard from the National Sports Centre, Crystal Palace.

10.55 Newsnight.

11.40 Film: Spellbound* (1945) starring Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Peck. (see Choice). Ends at 1.35.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Channel Four Racing. Brough Scott introduces four races from Newmarket – the Fakenham Handicap (2.35); the William Hill Dewhurst Stakes (3.10); the Phantom House Stakes (3.40); and the Rockfel Stakes (4.10).

4.30 Countdown. The first semi-final of the Championship of Champions is between Mark Nyman and Ash Haji.

5.00 The Addams Family.* Another ghoulish episode from the lives of the weird family. This week the extremely tall butler, Lurch, is persuaded to take *dancing* lessons.

5.30 The Tube presented by Jools Holland and Paula Yates. The latest news from the rock world plus videos and live music from The Gun Club, Silent Running, The Style Council and the reggae band Clint Eastwood and General Saint. There is also the first showing on television of the new Duran Duran video, Wild Boys, interviews with Julian Lennon and Mike Evans who has written a book, The Art of the Beatles, and a profile of rock star, Prince.

7.00 Channel Four News.

7.30 Right to Reply. Complaints by visitors to the Video Box and from viewers' letters.

8.00 A Week in Politics presented by Peter Jay. Arms control and the nuclear issue in the American presidential election campaign. Plus an interview with Lord Young.

8.45 Lubo's World. The second programme in the comedy series about the lifestyle correspondent of Pravda's investigations into life in Britain today. Tonight, Lubo and his minder, Ludmilla Dostoevsky, take stock of the heavy metal scene.

9.00 Tell the Truth. Graeme Garden is in the chair as his panel of Diane Harron, Cheryl Kennedy, Trevor Macdonald and Tony van den Bergh grill three people to find out which of them is telling the truth.

9.30 Gardeners' Calendar introduced by Hannah Gordon. Harry Baker, the fruit officer at the Royal Horticultural Society's garden, is responsible for 700 different types of apple tree. He suggests a number that might be the most fruitful in the average garden.

10.00 Reggie is shaken to discover that his daughter has landed the job of scantily-dressed tour guide at his company.

10.30 Food for Thought. The penultimate programme in the series and Marion Bowman and Brian Ford examine the roles that the government and the the food industry play in the nature of the British diet.

11.20 Film: The Secret Policeman's Ball (1979). Highlights from Amnesty International's comedy gala, held in 1979 at Her Majesty's Theatre in London. Among those appearing are Peter Cook, Rowan Atkinson, Michael Palin and Eleanor Bron.

1.05 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. † denotes stereo on VHF

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer For The Day.

6.30 Today including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News summary 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 News 7.25, 8.25 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Desert Island Discs. The castaway is the cartoonist Michael Ffolkes (r).

9.45 Feedback. With Frances Donnelly.

10.00 News; International Assignment.

10.30 Morning Story: 'The Opportunist' by Mark Bourne. Read by David March.

10.45 Daily Service: (NEM, page 93).

11.00 News; Travel; Analysis (r).

11.48 Natural Selection. The Lyre Bird.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice.

12.27 Top Of The Form. Harrogate Granby High School v City of Leeds School (r) 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes an item on the education of the children of travelling folk in the Central Region around Stirling. And the final instalment of The Tiger and the Rose.

3.00 News; Masters' India. An 18-part serialisation of John Masters' saga of the Savage family spanning the years 1825-2956. Book One: The Deceivers, dramatised in five parts (3) (r)†.

4.00 News; Home and Abroad. Olive Shapley remembers her lodgers.

4.10 Revels. Hugh Sykes on Marie Stopes.

4.40 Story Time: 'Mr Stone and the Knight's Companion' by V. S. Naipaul (last of seven parts). Read by Bill Wallis.

5.00 PM: News 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather.

6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.

6.30 Going Places. The world of transport and travel. With Clive Jacobs.

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Pick of the Week. With Margaret Howard†.

8.20 Stop Press. Nigel Rees examines the way the newspapers have behaved this week.

8.45 Any Questions? With Sheila McKechnie, Michael Winner, Professor Ted Wragg, Dan Charrington, and John Timpson.

9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes a discussion on the future of the West End theatre. There is comment, too, on Michael White's book Empty Seats, and the new film The Natural.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Second of two stories by William Trevor: 'Another Christmas'. Read by Denys Hawthorne 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Week Ending. A satirical review of the week's news.

12.00 News: Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF (available in England and S. Wales only). Radio 4 VHF is as above, except: 5.55-6.00 am Weather; Travel 11.00-12.00 For Schools 1.55-3.00 pm For Schools 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.00-12.00 Study on 4 11.00 Herbs, Useful Plants (3) 11.30 Por Aqui (second-stage Spanish) 12.30-1.10 am Schools Night-time Broadcasting: Deutsch fur die Oberstufe (9&10).

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Morning Concert: part one. Stravinsky's Eight Instrumental Miniatures for chamber orchestra; Delius's Cello Concerto (Du Pre/RPO); Haydn's Symphony No 46. †

8.00 News.

8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Wagner's overture Rienzi; Saint-Saens's Piano Concerto No 4 (Pascal Roge/Philharmonia); Ireland's Symphonic Rhapsody: Mai Dun. †

9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Gluck. Act 5 of Armide. Hickox conducts City of London Sinfonia and Richard Hickox Singers. With Rolfe Johnson, Palmer, Harris, Russell, Roberts and Keith Lewis. †

10.00 French Piano Duets: James Walker and Andrew Wilson-Dickson. Debussy's Petite Suite; Fauré's Dolly Suite Op 56; Ravel's Ma Mere L'Oye.†

10.45 Langham Chamber Orchestra (Carewe conducting). Martinu's Divertimento (Serenade No 4); Tippett's Little Music for String Ochestra; Malcolm Arnold's Concerto for 28.†

11.25 Respighi and Szymanowski: Iris dell'Acqua (soprano), Paul Hamburger (piano). Respighi's Cinque liriche; Szymanowski's Six Songs of Fairy Princess Op 31.†

12.05 Monte Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra (Foster conducting): with Tamas Vasary (piano). Part one. Bizet's Symphony in C; Ravel's Piano Concerto in G.† 1.00 News.

1.05 Concert: part two. Ravel's suite Mother Goose; Roussel's Bacchus and Ariadne, Suite No 2.†

1.45 The Flute's Pleasure Garden. Frans Bruggen (recorders) plays works by Jacob van Eyck and Jean-Féry Rebel.†

2.20 Nash Ensemble Czech Series Part One. With Anthony Rolfe Johnson (tenor): Novak's Trio quasi una ballata Op 27; Bainbridge's Music for Mel and Nora for oboe and piano; Tomasek's Goethe songs; Dvorak's Love Songs Op 83.† 3.10 Interval reading.

3.15 Recital: part two. Dvorak's Piano Quartet in E flat Op 87.†

4.00 Choral Evensong: from St John's College, Cambridge.†

4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of David Hoult's selections.†

6.30 Music for Guitar: Hubert Kappel plays works by Leo Brouwer, and Henze (first UK performance of Royal Winter Music No 2).†

7.00 Red Beans and Rice in Paradise: Russell Davies explores the delights of New Orleans cuisine. The reader: David Peart.

7.30 Boston Symphony Orchestra (conducted by Seiji Ozawa). Part one. Brahms's Serenade in D. †

8.15 An English Tutor in Tsarist Russia: Nicholas Courtney reads from a memoir by his father Geoffrey Courtney who was tutor to the son of a lady-in-waiting to the wife of Nicholas II. The first of two readings †

8.35 Concert: part two. Dvorak's Symphony No 9 (From the New World). †

9.25 The Warsaw Uprising: Michael Charlton talks to Jan Nowak who, during the last war, was a courier between the Home Army in Poland and the government-in-exile in London.

10.10 Christopher Headington: piano recital. He plays his own Five Preludes (1953), Toccata (1962), and Piano Sonata No 2 (1974).†

10.40 Children of the Wind: The Barrow Poets read an anthology of poetry and music on the theme of "air". †

11.00 The English Concert: with Jennifer Smith (soprano). Purcell's Suite of theatre music from Abdelazer and other plays; Handel's Concerto Grosso in B flat Op 6 No 7; Cantata: Silete Venti. †

11.57 News. Until 12.00.

Radio 2

On medium wave. † denotes VHF stereo. News on the hour (except 8.00pm and 9.00). Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30.

4.00am Colin Berry.† 5.30 Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan† including 8.31 Racing Bulletin. 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00pm Steve Jones† including 1.05 Sports Desk 2.00 Gloria Hunniford †including 2.02 Sports Desk. 3.10 Racing from Newmarket. 3.30 Music all the way.† 4.00 Martin Stanford †including 4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn† including 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF only). 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night from the City Hall, Hull, including 8.20-8.40 Interval. Peter Pratt presents the English Heritage Singers. 9.30 The Organist Entertains celebration of Reginald Dixon's 80th birthday. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Show with No Name. 10.30 Broadway Babes (15): 'Fair Ladies'. Presenter: Sheridan Morley. 11.00 Late Night Friday (stereo from midnight). 1.00 Nightride.† 3.00 Big Band Special.† 3.30-4.00 String Sounds.†

Radio 1

On medium wave. † denotes VHF stereo. News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight
6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Mark Page. 4.30 Select-a-Disc with Peter Powell. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundtable. 7.00 Andy Peebles with rock music. 10.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show, Classic rock music, past and present with Tommy Vance (stereo from midnight).
VHF Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.000-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Second Hearing. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Roots And Branches. 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Incredible Flautists. 8.30 A New Order For International Human Rights. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Persona Grata. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 Iv'e Heard That Song Before. 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 In the Meantime. 11.25 Ulster Newsletter. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Jazz for the Asking. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours. 1.30 John Peel. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Letterbox. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Three Italian Writers. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Science in Action. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four hours. 8.30 Science In Action. 9.00 News Summary. 9.01 Network UK. 9.15 Music Now. 9.45 Nineteen Eighty-four 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 From the Weeklies. 11.30 Hollywood Oscar Nights. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 About Britain. 12.45 Recording of the Week. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 I've Heard That Song Before. 1.45 Letterbox. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 People and Politics. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Talking About Music. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today.

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BBC 1 **Wales:** 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales headlines. 4.30-4.35 Interval. 4.35-4.55 Hartbeat (as BBC1 5.15pm). 5.35-5.58 Wales today. 6.30-7.00 The Good Life. 12.00-12.05am News and weather. **Scotland:** 12.55-1.00 The Scotish news. 6.30-6.55 Reporting Scotland. 9.25-10.15 The 81st National Mod. 10.15-11.55 Film: Honky Tonk Freeway (1981) (Beau Bridges). 11.55-12.00 News and weather. **Northern Ireland:** 12.57-1.00 Northern Ireland news. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 6.30-6.55 Inside Ulster. 12.00-12.05am News and weather. **England:** 6.30-6.55 Regional news magazines.

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CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Sorry Wrong Number. 3.00-4.00 Hart to Hart. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55 What's On Where. 10.34 In Camera. 11.05 Film: Blind Terror. 12.35am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 We'll Meet Again. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00-4.00 Bounder. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 6.35-7.00 Funny You Should Say That. 10.30 Superbowl. 11.40 Late Call. 11.45 Teachers Only. 12.15am Closedown.

HTV As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: It's That Man Again* (Tommy Handley). 3.00-3.30 Movie Makers. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Let's Go. 10.30 Your Say. 10.45 West This Week. 11.15 Film: Vampire Circus. 12.40am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 11.22am-11.37 About Wales. 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 A Week in the Life of . . . 11.00-12.30am Film: Vampire Circus.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.00 Film: Sorry Wrong Number (Barbara Stanwyck). 6.00-7.00 News. 10.35 Hill Street Blues. 11.35 Film: Carquake (David Carradine). 1.10am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.00 Film: Windbag the Sailor* (Will Hay). 6.00-7.00 North Tonight. 10.30 Film: Crescendo (Stefanie Powers). 12.30am News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 1.30-3.00 Film: Law and Disorder (Michael Redgrave) 6.00 News. 6.02 Three Little Words. 6.30-7.00 Northern Life. 10.32 Film: The Gorgon. 12.00 Rock Alive. 12.30am Three's Company, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30 That's My Dog. 2.00 Television Superbowl. 3.25 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Granada Reports. 6.05 Weekend. 6.55-7.00 Superbowl. 10.30 Superbowl. 11.40 Film: Uncanny. 1.20am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30-3.00 Film: Rhodes of Africa. (Walter Huston). 3.30-4.00 Protectors. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.20 Sportscast. 6.45-7.00 Advice with Anne Hailes. 10.30 Common Tongue. 11.00 Wagon Train. 12.25am News, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.00 Film: Desert Mice* (Alfred Marks). 6.00-7.00 About Anglia. 10.30 Motocross. 11.00 Film: Devils of Darkness. 12.40am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Sorry, Wrong Number (Barbara Stanwyck). 3.00-4.00 Hart To Hart. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Todday South West. 6.30-7.00 What's Ahead. 10.35 Film: Villa Rides! (Yul Brynner). 12.45 Postscript, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 That's My Dog. 2.00 Television Superbowl. 3.30-4.00 Ypung Doctors. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.30-7.00 Take The High Road. 10.30 Superbowl. 11.40 Streets Of San Francisco. 12.35am News, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.32 Return of the Saint. 2.30 Three Little Words. 3.00 Afternoon Club. 3.27-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30-7.00 Country Ways. 10.30 Whole New Ball Game. 11.00 Danger; Wolves on Set. 12.30am Company, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Three Little Words. 2.00-3.25 Television Superbowl. 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent Strokes. 10.30 Superbowl. 1.40 Jack Jones at Culverhouse. 12.10am Rock of the Seventies. 12.40 Closedown.

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Pit strike boost for candle makers

By Patricia Clough

Britons are stocking up on candles, gas lanterns and warm underwear against the possibility of coal shortages and power cuts this winter.

A chain of hardware stores estimated yesterday that it is selling three times as many candles and gas lamps as is normal for this time of year. Britain's biggest manufacturers of thermal clothing, Danmart, said that sales of warm underwear are up by 30 per cent over last year, and that many of the buyers are older people worried about the effects of the coal dispute.

"It's a Wise Virgin situation", Mr Martin Hare, marketing manager for Robert Dyas, the hardware chain, said. Peole were not panicking, but making a small insurance against what might happen, he added.

Candlemakers are working overtime to meet the demand. Price's, Britain's biggest candle manufacturer, has started 10-hour shifts at its factory in Wandsworth, London, to keep retailers stocked. It is producing 200,000 candles a day instead of its usual 136,000 for this time of year. The biggest demand is for the cheap white household candles.

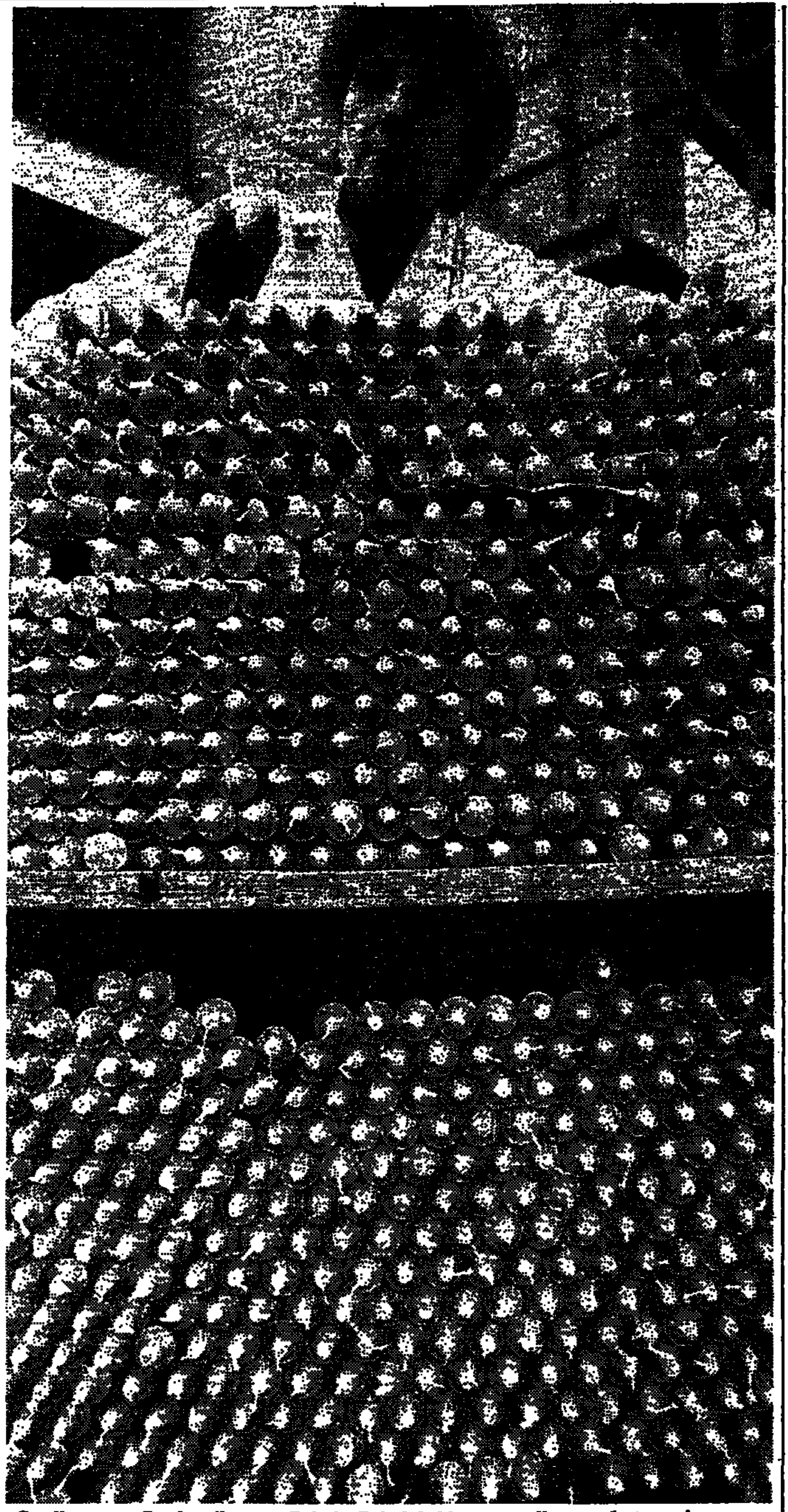
If power cuts did begin, the company would keep production going round the clock to cope with the demand, as it did during the 1973 blackouts, a spokesman said.

Most firms appear confident that they could cope with prolonged and severe power cuts and a coal shortage. Calor Gas Ltd says that it has ample supplies of gas heaters and will have 50,000 tons of gas stored by December.

Black's Camping and Leisure, which has camping shops all over the country, is holding between 15 and 20 times the normal autumn stocks of camping stoves, lanterns and thermal underwear.

Camping Gaz Ltd, which makes the largest number of gas lamps, says that it can bring supplies over from France if necessary.

None of the firms which could make big profits from a cold dark winter is relishing the thought of blackouts and shortages. All are reluctant to invest in huge stocks which may be difficult to sell if there are no emergencies.



Candle power: Stocks pile up as Price's, Britain's biggest candle manufacturer, increases production at its factory in Wandsworth, London (Photograph: John Voos)

Coal board likely to reject NUM terms

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Mr Sid Vincent, general secretary of the Lancashire miners, said there were talks behind the scenes of activity to get the two sides back together again "almost immediately".

But he added: "Our position is quite clear Whatever agreement is made between this organization and the coal board, the whole pit closure programme will have to be withdrawn – or our lads will have been on strike for eight months for nothing."

Mr Trevor Bell, right-wing leader of the Colliery Officials and Staff Area of the union, said: "We are ready for negotiations at any time. We want to end this dispute."

However, spokesmen for the coal board said they were unaware of any peace moves and Mr Peter Heathfield, general secretary of the NUM, said that talk of renewed peace negotiations was still "media speculation".

He continued "We do not want to go through the exercise we have been through in recent months, but if the coal board has something to offer we will meet them. We have constanly expressed our willingness to meet if there is something to talk about."

With the pit deputies due to strike in six days' time, the NUM is clearly not in a mood to make concessions.

Chancellor calms fears of higher loan rates

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Mr Lawson also reemphasized his "long-standing" policy of improving the supply side of the economy, and argued that there can be "no conflict" between this and "maintaining the financial discipline necessary to reduce infaltion further". He said this was why it "makes no sense" to say that the Government "has switched or should switch its priorities."

Mr Lawson said he did not expect the growth rate to be "steady". But he could see "precious few signs" that the British economy was heading for a downturn. He saw a "further good year for output in 1985". And, in an effort to depress speculation about his tax plans for the next Budget, the Chancellor concluded by saying he had "no wish to play Caesar Augustus".

At one stage yesterday, the pound traded at $1.1820. Weak spot, prices for North Sea oil, with Brent crude trading at $26.75 against a new official price of $28.65, affected sentiment on sterling, as did the continuing deadlock in the miners' strike.

A sharp shift in sentiment appears to have occurred in New York. Parity, a one dollar pound, is being discussed as a possibility. A trader at one of America's largest banks said: "It is in the realms of possibility if the oil price continues to decline, the miners' strike remains unresolved and Reagan gets back in here."

The Government has refused to be forced into a basic rate rise by sterling's sharp fall.

Money markets rates rose yesterday, the key three-month interbank rate rising to $11\frac{5}{16}$-$11\frac{3}{16}$ at one stage, indicating a $\frac{3}{4}$-1 per cent rise. They closed $\frac{3}{16}$ down from this level, although City economists say that the possibility of an early base rate rise remains.

The stock market had a quiter day. Early marks-downs by jobbers were corrected as buyers came in. Any selling pressure was concentrated on second-line stocks, accounting for much of the estimated £1,700m wiped off share values during the day. This brought the three-day loss to £8,500m.

Kinnock's pit aid sought

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and expected that some of their members would if necessary cross picket lines.

Mr McNestry said that members of the British Association of Colliery Management were unlikely to attempt to do the deputies' work, which has to be performed under law if collieries are to remain open.

"But only time will tell on that matter."

He said that if they did seek to do the deputies' work the effect would be "minimal". There are not enough managers to cover the work which would be left undone if his members came out.

"If they did do our work it would be difficult for them when normality returns", Mr McNestry added.

Letter from Inverness

Language of lament fails the tea test

Behind the gentle songs of love, longing and lament sung at the Mod in Inverness this week there has been some uncharacteristically hard words exchanged about the ancient Gaelic language. The Mod is the Highland equivalent of the Welsh Eisteddfod, but historically the Gaels have been less progressive at promoting their language than the Welsh. Some blame this on their natural diffidence of on the all-swamping English tongue. Others fear that what little had been achieved in the Western Isles through a bilingual policy in local government and education is now jeopardized by local authority spending cuts.

The purists see other threats. the Rev Colin MacKenzie, a Gaelic literary judge, was distressed less by the possibel death of the language – indeed he wondered whether it had not already died – but by its corruption by unnecessary English words.

Teachers, writers and broadcasters used the language, he complained, in a way he feared would make it "a language belonging to the Gaelic ghettos". He went on: "It has become so degraded and so interlaced with unnecessary English words it is becoming pidgin".

The Rev MacKenzie said he would rather see Gaelic die tomorrow the noble death of the classical languages of Greece and Rome than slide on its backside into the ghetto of nostalgic senility. He delivered this view in English and some Gaelic speakers listening to him perhaps wondered whether TV for example was not a neater way of referring to television than *eejalshallach ayshchack* (the spelling is phonetic) which means *"hearing-viewing machine"*.

Even in Inverness, which is not many miles from the heart of Gaeldom, the Gaels kept hitting the occasional wall of blank incomprehension. A woman ahead of me in the cafeteria queue, a proudly self-taught Gaelic speaker, demanded (again phonetically) "koop an tyay machet hal". The waitress blinked and the woman repeated the order. The waitress shuffled her feet. Perhaps she came from Shetland where, with the opening of a Chinese restaurant, Cantonese speakers are now said to outnumber the Gaels. The woman gave up. "For goodness sake, a cup of tea please!"

At the height of the Mod, the Free Church of Scotland highlighted the "stubborn problem" caused by the continuing use of Gaelic in church services. Although English services in the Islands and Western seaboard were far better attended, the standard practice was to hold only one English service a month.

The church insisted that Gaelic services must arise out of the life of the community. "When Gaelic ceases to be the language of the fish market, the public houses and the daily newspapers it must, on Protestant principles, cease to be the language of the pulpits", the church said. That day had almost arrived. The young fought, sang, argued, were educated and rebelled in English. Services to reach them must be in their own language.

The Gaelic community does seem fully aware of that. Eighteen pre-school playgroups have opened around Scotland where only Gaelic is spoken. Two new organizations are being set up with help from the Highlands and Islands Development Board to bring formal pressure in the promotion of Gaelic. One, Comunn Na Gaidhlig (CNAG), will coordinate the efforts of various organizations and have an educational role while the other, CLI, will be responsible for Gaelic learners' courses. The board is giving £200,000 to cover the first four years of operation and, it is understood, part of the grant that An Comunn Gaidhealach, the Gaelic cultural society, receives for its educational work.

The latest survey suggests that the number of Gaelic speakers is about 81,000, a healthy stabilization of the decline. But Mr Iain Macillechiar, chairman of the Parents for Gaelic Medium Education, told a Mod forum that while public support nationally had never been stronger, historically the language had never been so weak. If the means were not created to allow chidren to use Gaelic in leisure and in education, it was not a part of broadcasting and publishing, then there would be no future for Gaelic speakers. The lasts of the Scots would have joined the last of the Picts.

Ronald Faux

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, attends a meeting in Gland, Switzerland; departs Heathrow, 6.50am.

The Prince of Wales, vistits the National Star Centre for Disabled Youth, Ullenwood Manor, Ullenwood, Cheltenham, Glos, 3.

Princess Anne lunches with the Council of Lloyds, Lime St, EC2, 12; and later takes tea with the Bangladesh High Commissioner at his residence, Spaniards Close, NW11, 4; as Master of the Worshipful Company of Farriers she, attends a Livery dinner at the Innholders' Hall, 6.40.

Princess Alexandra visits Cannes, France for the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the town by Lord Brougham; departs Heathrow, 12.20.

New exhibitions

Cadbury's National Exhibition of Children's Art; City Art Gallery, The Headrow, Leeds, Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Wed 10 to Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 5; (ends Nov 25).

Drawings by Franc Caucig; Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington Cambridge; Tues to Sat 2 to 5, Sun 2.15 to 5; (ends Jan 27).

The De Pass Collection; featuring the Terrible Tale of the Yacht Mignonette; Art Gallery, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth; Mon to Fri 10 to 1 and 2 to 4.30; (ends Nov 2).

Figure 84: drawings, paintings, sculpture and ceramics; Colin Jellicoe Gallery, 82 Portland St, Manchester, Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 1 to 5; (ends Nov 10).

Music

Bristol Festival for Children: concert by the London Sinfonietta; Colston Hall, Bristol, 7.30.

Concert by the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra; St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

Recital by Felicity Lott (soprano) and Graham Johnson (piano); North Bromsgrove High School, School Drive, Bromsgrove, 7.30.

Talks, lectures

Ritual in bronze, by J Calder; *Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers* St, Edinburgh, 11.

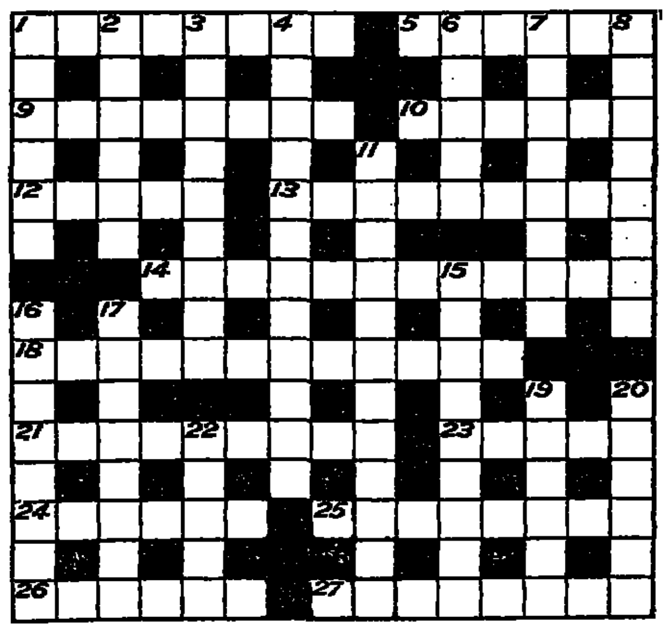
The watercolours of Turner, by Andrew Wilton; Usher Gallery, Lindum Rd, Lincoln, 7.30.

General

Book Fair; The Town Hall, St Andrews, Fife; 12 to 8; tomorrow 10 to 5.

Bristol Festival for Children: Children's Book Fair, 10 to 7, (ends tomorrow); Photography Workshop: punk politics, skinhead science and ted technology; 10.30 to 12.30; Victoria Rooms, Bristol.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,565



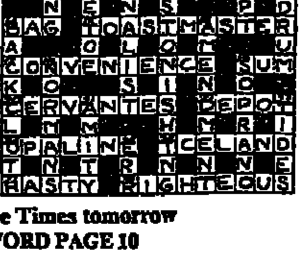
ACROSS

1 Driver, prepare to shoot the bird! (8).
5 Put on, or get off, the line (4,2).
9 Give order to reinforce one's absent fellow member (8).
10 Front-of-house musical entertainment (6).
12 Possible price? Nevertheless, there's nothing off (5).
13 Edmund's cavalry (9).
14 Bad luck is soon encountered in crazy scheme (12).
18 Supports Herts town with alternative plan (6,6).
21 In the same church in a part of Asia (9).
23 Chief's pronouncement in North America (5).
24 Striving for best quality china (6).
25 A tonic to lift 23 (4-2-2).
26 Special equipment for weight-lifter (6).
27 Trespass in border area (8).

DOWN

1 Gate guarded by striker (6).
2 Wild animals found in pound (6).
3 Pilgrim as leader of mutiny (9).
4 Chaplains mad about way one gets church office (12).
6 Assemble in a reduced state (5).
7 Magnificence of piano on the continent (8).
8 Unwilling recruits editor abandoned as his staff? (8).
11 Talk, for a change, about a Tory leader (12).
15 Carriage for James I, say (3-6).
16 Candidate has partisan constituents (8).
17 Fellow of no practical significance? (8).
19 Homer's responsibility, you might say (6).
20 Head's part in building of Christian character, perhaps (6).
22 Feature of Mars and Zeus reversed (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,564



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Food prices

Some Lamb cuts are up a few pence a pound this week; whole leg ranges from £1.38 to £1.70, loin chops £1.54 to £1.98 and whole shoulder 78p to £1.14 a lb. Comparable prices for New Zealand cuts are: leg £1.28 to £1.50, loin chops £1.06 to £1.50 and shoulder 64p to 94p. Beef is mostly stable; some cuts up a penny or two, such as boneless sirloin, ranging from £2.28 to £3.39 a lb and boneless brisket £1.30–£1.68, but rump steak is down slightly. Pork is also slightly up: loin chops are £1.29 to £1.54 and boneless shoulder £1.00 to £1.44.

Good buys this week: Marks & Spencers' fresh chickens, down by 10p a lb, ranging in size from 2lb 4oz to 6lb 9oz. Safeway: poussins are down 16p a lb to 99p; fresh turkeys, 89p; whole leg of pork down 30p to 99p a lb. Presto have Scotch, English and Welsh lamb legs for £1.38 a lb, shouders at 78p and chops at £1.58. Tesco: boneless rolled rib at £1.58 a lb, also frozen ducks 69p a lb. New Zealand leg of lamb £1.18, shoulder 64p and chops 98p a pound and corn-fed chickens, 69p a lb.

Most fish is good quality and value. Prices vary regionally, but examples in London and the south-east are cod fillets £1.47 a lb, haddock £1.55, lemon sole £1.40, mackerel 56p and coley 80p. Delicious boned herring is 69p a lb.

Good vegetable buys include homegrown white potatoes at 8–10p a lb and reds at 9–12p. Brussels sprouts, 20–30p, carrots, 10–16p, cauliflowers 30–45p each and parsnips, 18–25p a lb.

English Cox's and French Golden Delicious apples are reaching their best and range from 25–35p, and 20–28p a lb respectively.

Parliament today

Lords (11): Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, third reading, second day.

Anniversaries

Births: Sir Thomas Browne, physician and author, London (Nov 19?), 1605; he died on October 19 at Norwich, 1682; Leigh Hunt, essayist, Southgate, Middlesex, 1784; Adam Lindsay Gordon, poet, Fayal, Azores, 1833.

John, King of England 1199-1216, Newark, Lincolnshire, 1216; Joanathan Swift, Dublin, 1745; Ernest Rutherford, Baron Rutherford of Nelson, Physicist, Cambridge, 1937.

Roads

Wales and West: A55: Contraflow on Llandulais bypass between Holywell and Colwyn Bay. M5: Contraflow between junctions 15 (Bristol/S Wales) and 17 (Bristol West Severn Beach/Clifton); southbound entry closed at june 16; northbound entry slip road restrictions am Monday to midnight Saturday. M5: Outside lanes closed between junctions 8 (M50) and 9 (Tewkesbury) Hereford and Worcester.

The Midlands: A46: Roadworks S of Newark at Farndon crossroads, Notts. A34: Roadworks in Henley in Arden. A5: Contraflow SE of Tamworth, Warwicks.

The North: A534: Severe delays on Crewe Rd, Haslington, E of Crewe.

Scotland: A9: Traffic control and lane closures between Highland Region boundary and N of Calvine. A92: Lane closures on Nether St at St Clair St, Kirkaldy.

Top films

The top box-office films in London:

1 (-) The Women in Red
2 (1) Company of Wolves
3 (-) 1984
4 (2) Top Secret
5 (3) Paris, Texas
6 (4) Once Upon a Time in America
7 (5) *The Bostonians*
8 (7) Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom
9 (8) Electric Dreams
10 (6) Streets of Fire

The top films in the provinces:

1 Comfort and Joy
2 Company of Wolves
3 Reuben, Reuben
4 Bachelor Party
5 Top Secret

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The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.48	1.42
Austria Sch	27.15	25.75
Belgium Fr	78.50	74.50
Canada $	1.64	1.57
Denmark Kr	13.92	13.22
Finland Mkk	8.00	7.60
France Fr	11.72	11.22
Germany DM	3.84	3.65
Greece Dr	160.00	151.00
Hongkong $	9.75	9.15
Ireland Pt	1.25	1.19
Italy Lira	2360.00	2280.00
Japan Yen	310.00	294.00
Netherlands Gld	4.33	4.13
Norway Kr	11.05	10.55
Portugal Esc	201.00	192.00
South Africa Rd	2.21	2.07
Spain Pta	213.50	202.50
Sweden Kr	10.80	10.30
Switzerland Fr	3.16	3.00
USA $	1.23	1.18
Yugoslavia Dnr	268.00	252.00

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London: The *FT* Index closed down 4.2 at 834.5

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Weather forecast

A strong showery SW veering NW flow will cover all areas.

6am to midnight

London, SE England, East Anglia: Becoming cloudy with showers or longer periods of rain, wind SW fresh or strong; max 13C (55F).

Central S, E, NW, central N, NE England; E, W Midlands, Channel Islands: Showers, heavy at times, some sunny intervals; wind SW veering NW fresh or strong; max temp 14C (57F).

SW England, S, N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland: Mostly cloudy, frequent showers, some prolonged; sunny intervals developing; wind SW veering NW fresh or strong, locally gale; max temp 13C (55F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Scattered showers, sunny periods; wind SW veering NW fresh or strong; max temp 13C (55F).

SW, NE, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Showers, heavy at times with thunder and hail, some sunny intervals; wind SW veering NW strong, locally gale; max temp 11C (52F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Changeable; all districts will have showers or longer periods of rain, also sunny intervals; temperatures near or rather below normal; windy at first.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): wind SW strong or gale, occasionally severe gale; showers; visibility moderate or good; sea very rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: wind SW veering NW strong or gale, occasionally severe gale; showers; visibility moderate or good; sea very rough.

Sun rises: 7.32 am
Sun sets: 5.59 pm
Moon sets: 4.28 pm
Moon rises: 1.22 am Tomorrow

New Moon October 24

Lighting-up time

London 6.29 pm to 7.03 am
Bristol 5.38 pm to 7.13 am
Edinburgh 5.32 pm to 7.25 am
Manchester 5.33 pm to 7.15 am
Penzance 5.53 pm to 7.22 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloudy; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	11	52	Guernsey	s	14	57
Birmingham	r	13	55	Inverness	r	10	50
Blackpool	c	14	57	Jersey	s	14	57
Bristol	f	14	57	London	f	14	57
Cardiff	c	14	57	Manchester	c	13	55
Edinburgh	r	8	46	Newcastle	f	12	54
Glasgow	r	8	46	Ronaldsway	c	13	55

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Humidity: 6 pm, 73 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.09in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 3.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 997.0 millibars

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Jersey, Guernsey, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Stornoway, Aviemore, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Leconfield, 1.65in; highest sunshine: Penzance, Newquay, 8.4hr.

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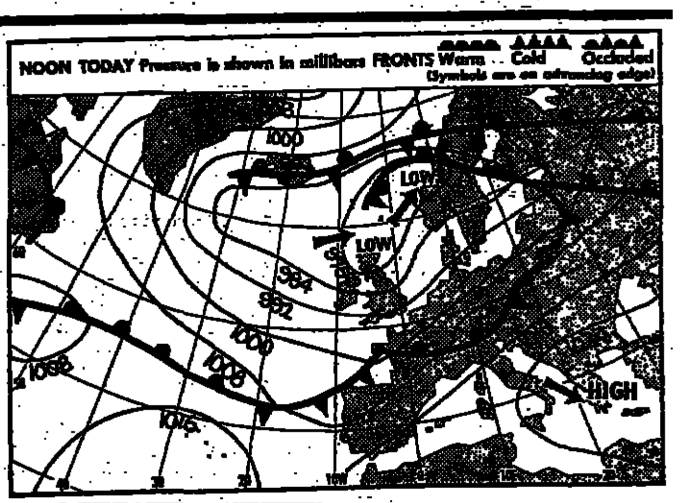

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)
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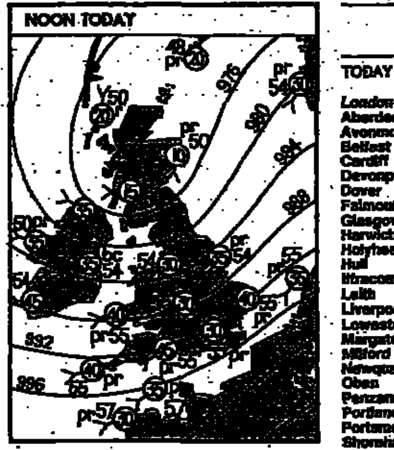

b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	*8.38*	*5.5*	*9.34*	5.7
Aberdeen	9.20	3.4	9.37	3.5
Avonmouth	1.48	9.3	2.28	9.6
Belfast	6.40	2.8	7.08	3.1
Cardiff	1.31	8.8	2.13	9.0
Devonport	12.11	4.3	12.53	4.5
Dover	6.13	5.2	7.11	5.2
Falmouth	–	–	12.23	4.3
Glasgow	7.40	3.9	7.53	4.1
Harwich	6.51	3.4	7.44	3.6
Holyhead	6.08	4.3	6.42	4.6
Hull	12.34	5.6	2.20	5.7
Ilfracombe	1.00	6.6	1.45	6.8
Leith	10.30	4.4	11.03	4.5
Liverpool	6.40	7.2	7.19	7.4
Lowestoft	4.14	2.1	5.45	2.1
Margate	7.07	3.9	8.00	4.0
Milford Haven	1.15	5.0	2.00	5.2
Newquay	12.15	5.1	1.00	5.3
Oban	2.12	2.8	2.32	3.0
Penzance	–	–	12.13	4.5
Portland	1.45	1.4	2.11	1.6
Portsmouth	6.55	3.7	7.29	3.7
Shoreham	6.31	4.9	7.16	4.8
Southampton	6.48	3.7	7.12	3.7
Swansea	1.21	7.0	2.07	7.3
Tees	*11.49*	*4.3*	–	–
Walton-on-Naze	6.42	3.3	7.41	3.4

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	21	70	Cologne	s	17	63	Majorca	f	21	70	Rome	f	22	72
Akrotiri	f	22	72	Copenhgn	c	12	54	Malaga	s	21	70	Salzburg	s	19	66
Alexandria	c	25	77	Corfu	s	21	70	Malta	f	21	70	Sao Paulo			
Algiers				Dublin	f	12	54	Melbourne	f	14	57	S Francisco			
Amsterdam	r	13	55	Dubrovnik	s	19	66	Mexico C				Santiago*	s	22	72
Athens	s	18	64	Faro	c	20	68	Miami*	s	29	84	Seoul	s	21	70
Bahrain	s	32	90	Florence	c	18	64	Milan	fg	13	55	Singapore	f	31	88
Barbados				Frankfurt	f	16	61	Montreal				Stockholm	c	9	48
Barcelona	f	22	72	Funchal	f	22	72	Moscow	c	4	39	Strasbourg	s	19	66
Beirut	th	18	64	Geneva	s	19	66	Munich	s	16	61	Sydney	s	17	65
Belgrade	s	16	61	Gibraltar	c	20	68	Nairobi	f	26	79	Tangier	s	24	75
Berlin	c	14	57	Helsinki	s	10	50	Naples	s	19	66	Tel Aviv	f	23	73
Bermuda				Hongkong	f	21	70	New Delhi	s	30	86	Tenerife	s	25	77
Biarritz	s	22	72	Innsbruck	s	18	64	New York				Tokyo	f	24	75
Boulogne	c	14	57	Istanbul	f	14	57	Nice	s	18	64	Toronto			
Bordeaux	f	19	66	Jiddah	s	34	93	Oslo	c	7	45	Tunis	s	21	70
Brussels	c	14	57	Jo'burg				Paris	r	14	57	Valencia	s	22	72
Budapest	s	13	55	Karachi	s	30	86	Peking	c	14	57	Vancouver			
Buen Aires				Las Palmas	s	25	77	Perth	s	25	77	Venice	s	16	61
Cairo	f	25	77	Lisbon	f	18	64	Prague	s	17	63	Vienna	s	11	52
Cape Tn	c	18	64	Locarno	fg	15	59	Reykjavik	c	4	39	Warsaw	f	12	54
C'blanca	f	21	70	L Angeles				Rhodes	s	21	70	Washington			
Chicago				Luxembg	f	16	61	Riyadh	s	34	93	Wellington*	f	15	59
Ch'church*	s	17	63	Madrid	s	19	66	Rio de Jan	s	30	86	Zurich	s	17	63

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